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District Champions



Photo by Caleb Casey

The Grayling High School wrestling team celebrates its district championship last Thursday at Kalkaska High School, following the squad's 55-24 victory over Elk Rapids in the District No. 167-3 semifinals and a 52-24 win over Cheboygan in the championship match. The team: (front, L to R) Tyler Arseneau, Joey Contreras, Matt Letts, Jeff Bancroft, Shane Grove, Matt Haight, James Haight; (middle, L to R) Rob Harrison, William Fowler, Stephen Grove, Josh Moggo; (back, L to R) Coach Joe Ferrigan, Assistant Coach Larry Duvall, Adam Crittenden, Corey Metzer, Cody Malone, Kyle Peters, Cody Collen, Eric Madill, Jon George. For more on the wrestling team's district title win, see Page 1B.

Michigan Avenue project slated to begin in August

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

With plans to start the Michigan Avenue streetscape project in just five months, Grayling City officials are urging business owners to attend a public meeting next week to get up to speed on plans for the downtown improvements.

The City of Grayling's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will hold a meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Grayling City Hall to discuss the \$1.3 million Michigan Avenue streetscape project and other related community beautification programs.

The project will include installing brick paved sidewalks, landscaping, decorative street lights, replacing sewer and water mains and repaving Michigan Avenue and Burton Court streets.

The City of Grayling was awarded a \$519,767 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Continued on Page 12A
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Playground project proceeds at AuSable Primary School

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The AuSable Primary School playground will be getting a new piece of playground equipment later this year thanks to the diligence of a pair of students who have already walked the halls of the school.

Grayling Elementary School fourth graders Valerie Burch and Brelynn Ross recently completed an independent study project with the goal of coming up with a new piece of playground equipment for the school.

The project was initiated by Dawn Feldhauser, a Grayling Elementary fourth grade teacher, and initially involved about 20 students.

The students were supposed to poll at least 50 of their peers on what they would like to see on the playground, organize the data into some type of chart or graph and then narrow the list of options down to three possibilities. The students then had to research the potential equipment on the Internet, and get price quotes.

Ultimately, the students opted to pursue a piece of equipment Continued on Page 2A
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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Grayling Elementary School fourth graders Valerie Burch and Brelynn Ross recently completed an independent study project that will lead to a new piece of equipment being placed on the AuSable Primary School's playground.

School board approves Power Sessions, trimesters

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling High School students who need an extra boost with their studies will get some extra help during after school sessions.

The school is implementing an after school study program called Power Sessions for students who are struggling with their school work, falling behind or considering dropping out of school.

The Crawford AuSable School Board, at its regular meeting last week, agreed to hire Barb Hunter, a high school Spanish teacher, Terri Lasby, the school's business technology instructor, and Matt Book, a social studies teacher, to oversee the Power Sessions program.

The Power Sessions will replace a summer program the school did last year called The Amazing Race, which was planned to give incoming freshman a jump start on the school year as they brushed up on their reading, writing and math skills.

A total of 55 students were encouraged to take part in the Amazing Race program, but just five students took advantage of the extra classes that were offered for two weeks just prior to the start of the school year,

said Joe Powers, the Crawford AuSable School District superintendent.

"We do believe that we did make a difference with the students who choose to attend, but we do not believe we effected enough kids the way we wanted to so we're going to try the Power Sessions which will last through the school year," Powers said.

The classes are being funded through federal school readiness funding from the Michigan Department of Education.

In other action, the school board approved the final policy reading which will change the high school from operating on a semester schedule to a trimester calendar.

Starting next fall, students will be enrolled in five classes that will meet on a daily basis. The classes would run for two 12-week periods, instead of the current 18-week semester.

Powers said the change in the school schedule is being prompted by the state's mandated curriculum that students must learn.

"A lot of planning will be happening now to kickoff the new schedule in the fall," Powers said.

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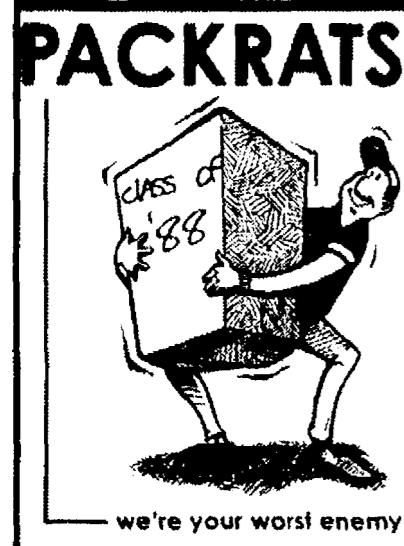
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Playground project proceeds at AuSable Primary School

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that looked like a fire truck.

The students made a presentation for the project to Grayling Elementary School Principal Angie Camp and Yvonne Schreiber, the president for Parent Teacher Organization for the Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools.

After the presentation,

Feldhauser changed the assignment so that the students could only work on the project on their recess time or after school.

Burch and Ross were the only two students among the group that wanted to continue with the project under those circumstances.

"We went on with the project because we really wanted to see it on the playground," Burch said.

Burch and Ross gathered additional information regarding the equipment including cost of the fire truck and maintenance information. They also went back and surveyed the entire Grayling Elementary student body to determine if the fire truck was age appropriate for the school. Overall, 70 percent of the students thought that the fire truck would be utilized.

Schreiber said the PTO hopes to have the equipment in place after the snow melts to show students that their work for the project and the organization's fund raisers does pay off.

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more at the AuSable Primary School.

"We decided to put it over there, because they have bigger imaginations and would like it more," Ross said.

Burch and Ross made a final presentation to Camp, Barb Mick, the AuSable Primary School principal, Schreiber and Janna Metzer, the projects coordinator for the PTO.

Schreiber and Metzer are working with a Michigan-based playground equipment supplier to purchase the fire truck. The fire truck will cost about \$2,000.

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School board incumbents face challenge

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling High School graduate and owner of a local construction company is challenging two incumbent Crawford AuSable School District school board members for their seats on the board.

Craig Stewart threw his name in the hat earlier this month for one of two four-year seats on the Crawford AuSable School Board on the Tuesday, May 8 election ballot. Incumbent board members Bill Dean, the current school board president, and Lewis Madill, the board vice president, are running for reelection.

Stewart, 47, is a 1978 graduate from Grayling High School.

Stewart is the owner of John-Al Construction. He has been involved with the school district's athletic and other educational programs, and said he would like to help address financial issues and other matters that come before the school board.

"My kids have all graduated, and now this is just another way to stay involved within the district," Stewart said.

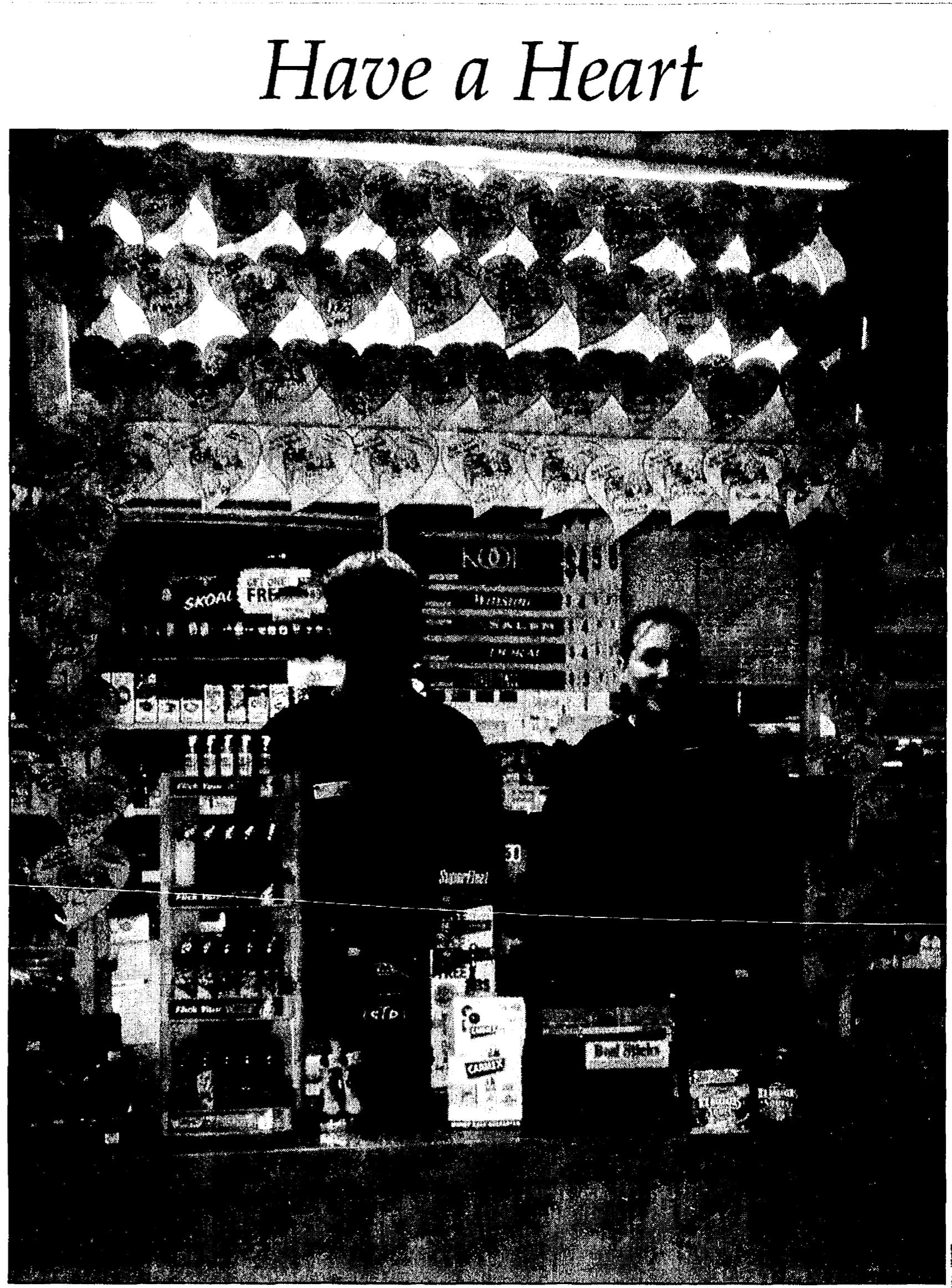
A millage proposal that will ask voters to renew the 18 mills levied on non-homestead properties will also be on the May 8 school election ballot.

Under proposal A, the school funding proposition passed in 1994, school districts must seek approval from local voters to levy the tax. Non-homestead taxes are collected on businesses and second homes such as cabins and vacation homes.

The tax makes up about \$5 million of the district's \$16.2 million budget.

"We want to stress that this is not a tax increase and the funding is very crucial to the financial health of our schools," Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said.

The district is asking voters for a three-year renewal for the non-homestead tax.



Slip sliding away



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Alanna Bonamie, 7, a second grader at the Calvary Baptist Academy, tried ice skating for her first time on the rink located behind the Grayling City Hall on Saturday. The rink is being maintained by the City of Grayling's Department of Public Works and Grayling City/Township Fire Department firefighters.

Westland man arrested after pair of assaults

A 38-year-old Westland man was arraigned on a dozen felony charges on Friday for repeatedly assaulting a Beaver Creek Township woman in her home while holding her captive.

Cecil Allen Gugin was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Friday for assaulting the woman. More charges are expected for assaulting a friend who tried to come to the woman's aide.

The Beaver Creek Township woman had asked Gugin to help fix her furnace some time last week, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said.

Gugin then refused to leave the home and would not let the woman leave. Wakefield said that Gugin beat the woman after she refused his sexual advances, and threw several knives at her.

Wakefield said that Elvis Johnson, another acquaintance of the woman, let himself into the home when he noticed them arguing through a window. The woman fled the home, and Gugin ran after her. When Johnson tried to intervene, Gugin struck him in the head with the butt of a shotgun while the two were on the porch. Johnson then fled into the woods, and Gugin fired two shots in his direction.

Gugin caught up to the woman, and drug her back into the home by her hair.

Johnson was able to run to the front gate at the Weyerhaeuser

Corporation, where he called 911 around 1 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16.

Upon arrival, Johnson told police that he had been assaulted at the home at 6208 Gaberdiel Road, which is located off of Four Mile Road just east of the Weyerhaeuser facility.

Deputies responded to the home, and called the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Task Force Swat Team to the scene. Police, however, learned that Gugin had fled the scene with the woman, and drove to Roscommon County, where Gugin's mother lives.

Gugin, who has a suspended driver's license, forced the woman to drive the car while they were traveling in Roscommon County headed toward St. Helen. He later took over the wheel since the woman had sustained a broken arm during the beatings, Wakefield said.

While police were tracking information, Gugin released the

woman to go home while he stayed at his mother's residence in Roscommon County.

The woman was taken to Mercy Hospital Grayling when she arrived at her home.

Deputies from the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office were asked to secure Gugin at his mother's home until Wakefield and Road Patrol Sgt. Randal Herman could get there and take him into custody.

Gugin was charged on Friday with five counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm

less than murder, assault with intent to murder, weapons-felony firearms, kidnapping, two counts of weapons-felony firearms, home invasion first-degree and weapons-felony possession by a felon.

Additional charges are pending for the assault on Johnson, who was treated by ambulance personnel, but refused to be taken to the hospital for further care, Wakefield said.

Gugin is being held in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of a \$500,000 bond.



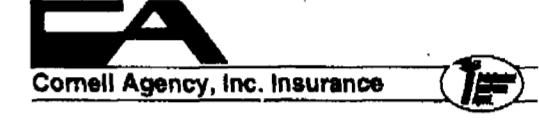
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Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting Julie Dean 348-8215

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Scheduled For March 2007

Trip #1
Tuesday, March 13, 2007
Victories Casino, Petoskey
Departing Center at 8:30 a.m.

Trip #2
Tuesday, March 6, 2007
"Out to Lunch Gang" "Mystery Trip"
Lunch and shopping somewhere.
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.

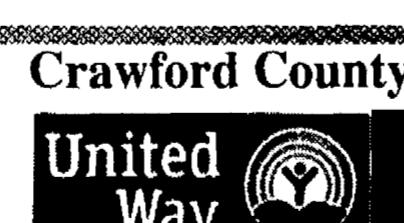
Trip #3
Thursday, March 22, 2007
"Out to Lunch Gang" Houghton Lake
Lunch at Coyles Restaurant and shopping at Arnies Arts and Craft Store.
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Eloise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat
*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julee @ 348-8215

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:
Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Milltown Festival.

To request information concerning expanded services call Richard @ 348-4101



C.A.R.E. Night 2007

Saturday, March 10th

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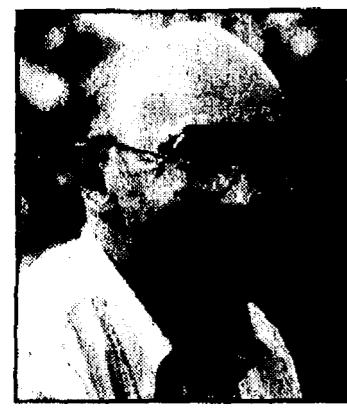
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Michigan native son going for president

IT WAS ENTIRELY fitting for a native son of Michigan to come back home to declare formally that he is a genuine candidate for president of the United States.

Mitt Romney was born and grew up in Michigan, he met his wife, Anne, when both attended Cranbrook Academy here, his parents are buried in Michigan, and much of his immediate family still lives here.

Although his fame and fortune were not made in Michigan, Mitt Romney is as close to a "favorite son" as Michigan is liable to have in a presidential race for a while. So when he chose Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn formally to announce his presidential plunge the other day, it was perfectly natural.

His father, former Michigan Gov. George Romney, also was a "favorite son" when he ran for president in 1968. The elder Romney ended his campaign before the first primary, then as now in New Hampshire, but his son's candidacy is likely to last longer.

After graduation from

Brigham Young University in Utah, Mitt Romney earned a master's degree in business and a law degree from Harvard University. He passed the bar exam in Michigan, but went into business in Boston and became rich through venture capital enterprises from there. He ran for the US senate in 1994 and lost to Sen. Ted Kennedy, and eight years later was elected as a Republican governor in traditionally Democratic Massachusetts.

When he was called upon to rescue the deeply troubled 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games, he performed brilliantly and the Olympics were a national triumph.

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A COUPLE OF major roadblocks for Mitt Romney and any other Republican hopeful are Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, generally considered the GOP front runners and both formidable political foes. At 59, Mitt Romney is three years younger than Mr. Giuliani and 11 years younger than Sen. McCain.

Formidable also are Republican conservatives, including the so-called "Christian right," a huge influence in the Republican nominating process. It's almost a matter of conservative faith to distrust anything that comes from Massachusetts — although three other Republican governors preceded Mr. Romney in the governor's chair there.

Candidate Romney lately has been tailoring and showcasing his conservative side as often and as widely as he can, which also etches his differences from both Sen. McCain and Mr. Giuliani, generally considered more moderate Republicans, both of whom also seem to be bending their postures on several issues more to the conservative side.

Winning the White House is a two part process for any successful aspirant in either major party.

For Republicans, first is winning the nomination. That's difficult without strong support from the conservative wing of the party.

Second, and arguably much

more important, is winning the general election, which usually is determined not by political extremists on either side, but by centrists and moderates.

Democratic presidential hopefuls face the same two-pronged dilemma, with "liberal" replacing "conservative" as necessary for Step No. 1, but detrimental to Step No. 2. Positions of Democratic candidates on many issues also often develop accordingly.

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THERE'S A LONG way to go on the 2008 presidential trail, although time is moving swiftly.

Other serious Republican candidates, at least in their own intentions, include Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas (who recently addressed Michigan's off-year Republican state convention, along with Mr. Romney) and local champions of both Candidates McCain and Giuliani), Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, US Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy

Thompson, and possibly others. Any of them conceivably could catch fire.

Mitt Romney has raised a lot of money and has plenty of his own, too; he has organized a national staff and hired a clutch of veteran Republican advisors; his organizations are working in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, the earliest testing grounds, as well as Michigan. In a nutshell, he is doing everything right so far.

His personal business record attests to his management and organizational skills. He did a terrific job of rescuing and running the 2002 Olympics. He's a good communicator. He was an active and forceful governor, who helped fashion and win bi-partisan support for a state public health program, and who took charge when Boston highway construction started to collapse.

He has a storybook family, beautiful wife and five sons and 10 grandchildren. His family has a legacy of politics and public service. His father, George Romney, was governor of Michigan 1963-68, and served in

the Nixon cabinet. His mother, Lenore Romney, ran for the US senate in 1970 (and lost to the late revered Democratic Sen. Phil Hart). His brother, Scott Romney, is a Detroit attorney and an elected member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

Columnist Jonathan Last, writing in the Philadelphia Inquirer last month, described Mitt Romney thus:

"As a piece of raw, political horse flesh, he may be one of the great talents of his generation: good looking, whip smart, funny, charismatic, and by nearly every account, a genuinely decent man. All of which — plus his personal fortune, reportedly in the hundreds of millions — makes him a formidable candidate for the Republican nomination."

There's one other asset in Mitt Romney's arsenal as a candidate: He looks like a president.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Improved, expanded free file tax program opens

The Internal Revenue Service and its private-sector partners announced the opening of the 2007 Free File program. The free tax preparation and electronic filing initiative begins its fifth year with more consumer-friendly features and expanded services for Spanish-speaking taxpayers.

Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers — 95 million Americans — qualify for Free File. In Michigan, 3.2 million — more than 70% of all tax state filers — qualify to file online at no cost.

This year, 20 companies will participate in the program run by the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a consortium of tax preparation software companies. The program is available only through IRS.gov.

"The Free File program is better than ever this year," said IRS spokesman Luis D. Garcia. "You have lots of companies to choose from and some are offering state return preparation at no extra cost. Additionally, our Free File partners have streamlined the process no longer offer refund anticipation loans (RALs) and other ancillary products."

Among the changes and features of this year's program:

Seventy percent of the nation's taxpayers — those with an adjusted gross income of \$52,000 or less — are eligible for Free File. Each company sets its own criteria for who can use the service.

Taxpayers will be able to use Free File to request the Telephone

Excise Tax Refund. Taxpayers can either request the standard amount, which ranges from \$30-\$60, or the actual amount.

Two companies will offer Free File in Spanish.

Participants will no longer offer refund anticipation loans (RALs) and other ancillary products.

Some Alliance members are offering the state return for free.

Taxpayers can use Free File to file a Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File.

Free File Alliance members must meet the IRS' high standards for security and privacy. The IRS does not endorse any particular member company. While the IRS manages the content of the Free File pages accessible on IRS.gov, it does not retain any taxpayer information entered on the Free File site.

More than 3.9 million taxpayers used Free File last year. Free File debut was in 2003 with nearly 2.8 million users.

Taxpayers consistently give high marks to Free File in satisfaction surveys. According to Russell Research, a market research firm contracted by the IRS, 94 percent said they intend to use Free File again this year, 96 percent said they found Free File very easy or somewhat easy to use and 97 percent said they would recommend Free File to others. Convenience, not the free cost, was the most appealing factor of Free File.

EDITOR

Grayling cares about the safety of their visitors

To the editor:

We would like to thank the City of Grayling for protecting Lake State Railway Company's private property and the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association for installing signs and fencing in accordance with our license agreement.

The State of Michigan has granted to the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association thousands of dollars to keep the right of way safe for the snowmobile riders as well as the Railroad Trainmen and Trackmen that operate over it daily.

The railroad has had trouble in the past in that area with trespassing issues. Riding on the right of way is a violation of Michigan law as well as a safety issue for the Railway. We have agreed, in the spirit of commerce, to grant licenses so some of the right of way can be used for recreation

with the understanding that it is marked and protected. We receive little in the way of compensation for this privilege and crossing the rail with carbide snowmobile tracks and destroying switches is a cost to the railroad.

No one likes to receive tickets for unintended violations but no one likes to end up in the hospital for not paying attention to well posted signs. Mr. Ketola could have chosen to turn around and found the trail, he chose not to, for his action he received a citation.

It is a shame that he blames the Grayling community for his lack of attention. Grayling has been a great place to vacation and one of the reasons is that they care about the safety of their visitors as well as the workers in their community.

Vicky Chmura
Property Administrator
Lake State Railway Company

Church looking for information on the old Danebold Hall

To the editor:

The Burning Bush Tabernacle will be celebrating 10 years of worshipping at our present location, 501 E. Michigan Ave., in May of 2007. When our building was erected, back in 1906 by Mr. R. Hanson, it was named Danebold Hall.

We ask anyone who has knowledge of the history of the building through the years to please let us know.

The different organizations,

congregations, etc. and the years you had the building would be helpful. Any descendants of the people who helped construct the building who have some wonderful stories or photos regarding the structure are welcome.

Please contact Pastor Patty Petrie at 348-1278 or Lu Dunham at 348-6246 or send your information to the church.

Lu Dunham
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Church to hold ecumenical Lent services

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, will be holding Taize Prayer Services at 5 p.m., on Feb. 25, March 4, 18, and 25 and April 1. There will be meditative chants, candlelight, reflective readings, silence and prayers of praise.

Spring soccer registration to begin

The Crawford AuSable Soccer Assoc., is beginning registration for children ages 4-18, deadline to register is Feb. 28. Forms are available for pick up or drop off at Xpress Copy Center, Mon. - Sat. Call CASA's registrar, Mary, at 348-4168 with questions.

Boosters sponsor fund-raising night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is partnering with Wendy's of Grayling for a Community Fund-Raising Night. A percentage of the sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 27, will be donated to the Booster Club.

River festival parade meetings to be held

A River Festival Parade Committee meeting will be held on March 1, at the Holiday Inn. This year's theme is "Super 60" representing 60 years of The AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday of each month through July. Individuals who would like to assist in planning this year's parade are welcome to attend.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of a hot casserole, cold foods, make your own sandwich and salad, dessert and coffee on Thursday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Animal Shelter Board to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe, 2123 Industrial Drive in Grayling. Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

Low-cost shot clinic this Saturday

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County will host a low-cost shot clinic for dogs and cats this Saturday, February 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the former Heirloom Antique Mall, next to the Avalanche office in Grayling. Appointments are mandatory. Call Simons Veterinary Clinic at (231) 584-3500 for an appointment and prices. Crawford County dog licenses will also be on sale. The deadline to get a 2007 license before fees increase is February 28.

NCMCF Grant money available

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grant application deadline is March 30. Grant applications must be sent to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for youth-related projects and programs in Crawford County. Interested applicants should visit www.ncmcf.org to view requirements and download an application packet or contact the NCMCF office at 877-354-6881.

Benefit dinner to be held

A benefit dinner and auction for John Hilyard, who is battling a rare form of cancer, will be held on March 3, from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. The money raised will go towards his medical expenses. For information call 989-745-1527.

Allergy specialists to visit Prudenville clinic

Allergy specialists are available to see patients beginning this month at Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville.

Robert J. Lazar, M.D., and James S. McClellan, MD, both of Grand Traverse Allergy in Traverse City, are now among 20 specialists who travel to the area to offer their services to patients.

"We are very pleased to be able to bring these specialists to our patients," said Ann McGuire, office manager at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville. "Not having to drive an hour away to see a specialist means a lot to our patients."

Both Lazar and McClellan are

board certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, and the American Board of Internal Medicine. They specialize in allergy, asthma, clinical immunology, food and stinging insect allergies in both pediatric and adult patients.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact Grand Traverse Allergy at (231) 995-3657. For additional information, call the Physician Referral Service at 1-800-533-5520.

More information about Mercy Community Health Center can be found at mercygrayling.com.

Speech Pathologist treats swallowing disorder

Mercy Hospital Grayling Speech Pathologist Trish Whelpley recently became certified as a provider of VitalStim® therapy.

The therapy is used to treat dysphagia, a condition that creates discomfort when swallowing. Using a small current that runs through electrodes placed on the neck, the therapy stimulates inactive or atrophied swallowing muscles and brings them back into action.

The technique was developed

by a speech pathologist at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Dysphagia is common among stroke survivors, patients with neurological disorders such as Parkinson's Disease, and patients with head and neck cancer.

For more information, please call Rehabilitation Services at (989) 348-0314 or visit mercygrayling.com.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 18 of \$25 each: Michayla Hall, Pat Gillies, Mike Higgins, and Joe Belanski.

Lions collect funds for SightFirst II campaign

Over the next few months, area residents will see many local businesses around town displaying canisters labeled Grayling Lions Club, SightFirst II.

The canisters are part of a fund raising effort for the Grayling Lions Club to support a Lions Club International initiative to eradicate preventable blindness worldwide.

"Please contribute to this very worthwhile project," said Bob Gingerich, the vice president for the Grayling Lions Club. "It will have a lasting effect on so many people who need assistance."

SightFirst is the Lions's most ambitious and most successful initiative ever. Thanks to SightFirst, the Lions have restored sight to seven million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 20 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.

SightFirst was launched by the Lions in 1989 to battle preventable blindness. Sadly, 80 percent of the world's blind were needlessly without sight. Through SightFirst, the Lions have prevented blindness by supporting cataract surgeries, helping to build or expand eye

hospitals and clinics, distributing sight-saving medications and training eye care professionals.

SightFirst has not only been stunningly effective, but also startlingly efficient. On average, every \$6 in donations has resulted in a person with vision restored or saved from blindness.

The SightFirst campaign has raised \$143 million since its inception.

SightFirst is especially helping children. In partnership with the World Health Organization, SightFirst has launched the world's first-ever global initiative to combat childhood blindness. The project is creating 20 centers for pediatric eye care around the world.

Campaign SightFirst II will enable the Lions to expand the extraordinary work of SightFirst. The goal is to raise at least \$150 million to continue to prevent blindness and restore sight.

"We here in the USA and northern Michigan find ourselves in the unique position of being able to contribute to the health vision of people worldwide," Gingerich said. "Please help us help them."

Mackinac Bridge at 50 featured on new 2007 transportation maps

The newest edition of the Official Michigan Department of Transportation map is now available at Travel Michigan Welcome Centers and MDOT offices across the state. The 2007 theme is "The Magic of Michigan's Mighty Mac," which celebrates the Mackinac Bridge at 50.

The bridge opened to traffic on Nov. 1, 1957, and promptly became a national icon and source of pride for Michigan residents. In 1958, the bridge received a "most beautiful bridge" award from the American Institute of Steel Construction. Today, the tourist magnet attracts millions of visitors each year.

"This year's map celebrates one of our state's true gems - the Mackinac Bridge," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "It was a fitting tribute to place this beloved landmark on the cover of one of Michigan's most requested tourist guides."

The 2007 edition has several updates, including the return of 15 city maps. For a city map to be included on the official state map, the city's metro area must have a population of 25,000 or more. In addition, the two port cities of Sault Ste. Marie and Port Huron are included, and Marquette, the largest city in the Upper Peninsula. Steudle explained that more city maps were added because the department was responding to customer requests.

Another new feature is a red triangle designation for rest areas with family restroom facilities. In addition, the index of cities and the downtown Detroit map are now larger and

easier to read.

A Web-based version of the map is available in both PDF and Flash versions. The new Adobe Flash-based map viewer provides a faster, interactive viewing experience. It reduces the file size of the maps to less than one-quarter of the PDF-version maps, and provides tools for navigating to areas of interest on the map. Adobe Flash Player 8 version, or later, is required to operate the new map viewer. This is available as a free download from www.adobe.com.

Two million maps will be produced this year, costing just 19 cents per copy. To view the online version of the map, get more details, report a suspected error, or request a free copy, go to the MDOT Web site: www.michigan.gov/statemap.

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Grayling Police officer breaks up drug deal

An anonymous tip allowed police to break up a drug deal in the parking lot of a Grayling area business earlier this month.

Grayling City Police Officer Alan Somero arrested three men involved in the drug deal which occurred around 6:18 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 in the parking lot of Glen's Market.

Grayling City Police received an anonymous tip describing a pick-up driven by the men delivering the drugs. Somero parked behind the Chemical Bank until he noticed the truck in the parking lot. Somero made contact with the three men in the parking lot, and called in Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and the Michigan State Police K-9 unit from the Houghton Lake to assist at the scene.

Kelvin Dwayne Price and Robert Huiskens of Alpena were arrested for attempting to deliver the eight ounces of marijuana that had been divided up into one ounce bags. Steven Wyman of Buckley was the alleged buyer in the deal. Two vehicles driven by the men were seized by police.

Price was charged with one count of controlled substance/delivery-manufacture marijuana. Huiskens was charged with two counts of controlled substance/delivery-manufacture marijuana. Wyman was charged with controlled substance/possession of marijuana.

All three men waived their preliminary exams, and have been bound over to Crawford County Circuit Court to face the felony charges.

Bone marrow drive adds 112 to National Registry

A recent bone marrow drive by Mercy Family Care resulted in 112 additions to the National Marrow Donor Program.

"Through the event, which ran Jan. 22-26 at our three clinics, we showed support for our employee, Marge Stoutenburg, and her grandson, Nevin, who passed away on Jan. 23," said Jennifer Carrick, operations manager for Mercy Family Care Roscommon. "We took inspiration from Nevin, who needed a bone marrow transplant, and truly made the event a success. We also wanted to help demonstrate how medical group practices are both a community asset and a great way to deliver medical care."

Mercy Family Care's three clinics used National Medical Group Practice Week to each sponsor one day of the drive. Prudenville's clinic registered 25 donors, Roscommon registered

33, and Grayling registered 54.

Eric Troesco, a recruiter for the National Marrow Donor Program, said area residents who registered ran four cotton swabs around the inside of their mouth to collect cells. Those cells will then be classified and used to establish a possible future donation for a person in need.

"We have just over 3,000 patients right now who cannot find a donor," he said. "Hospitals check with us every morning in hope that some person was added to the registry during our drives that provides a match."

Bone marrow transplants are generally needed when a person contracts a blood disease such as leukemia. More information on the National Marrow Donor Program can be found at marrow.org. For more information on Mercy Family Care clinics, call Carrick at (989) 275-1212.

Supreme court ruling may open courts to more prisoner suits

by Alexander Scott
Capitol News Service

Inmates in Michigan achieved a victory for their rights and have a better chance of using the courts to resolve complaints against the prison system, according to some legal experts.

That's because of a case where a Michigan inmate sued to resolve problems he had with prison workers. The U.S. Supreme Court found the state's procedures for prisoner grievances to go to trial are too rigid.

The challenged standards required a prisoner with multiple grievances to attempt to resolve them through channels within the Department of Corrections.

Only if the complaints remained unresolved could the inmate sue the state.

However, if any of the complaints had not gone through the entire route, the presiding judge could throw out all of the complaints.

Under the new ruling, though,

a judge can simply dismiss an individual complaint, instead of the entire case.

Some lawyers called the decision a victory for prisoner rights and justice.

Elizabeth Alexander, the director of the ACLU's National Prison Project in Washington, said, "This is particularly important in Michigan, as there are massive problems in the Michigan corrections system."

Alexander said that in an

ACLU study of almost 500 pris-

oner complaint cases, only 10 were heard under the old rules, and with this decision, more may be heard.

"Had they lost, it would have made it almost impossible for them to get their cases heard," and added, "The courthouse door is just a little more ajar today."

Erica Eisinger, director of clinical education at Wayne State University Law School and an expert on prisoner litigation agreed with Alexander.

The decision overruled the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which handles Michigan cases.

Eisinger said the decision surprised her as "it's very, very rare that the court will say we're expanding the possibility of litigation by prisoners."

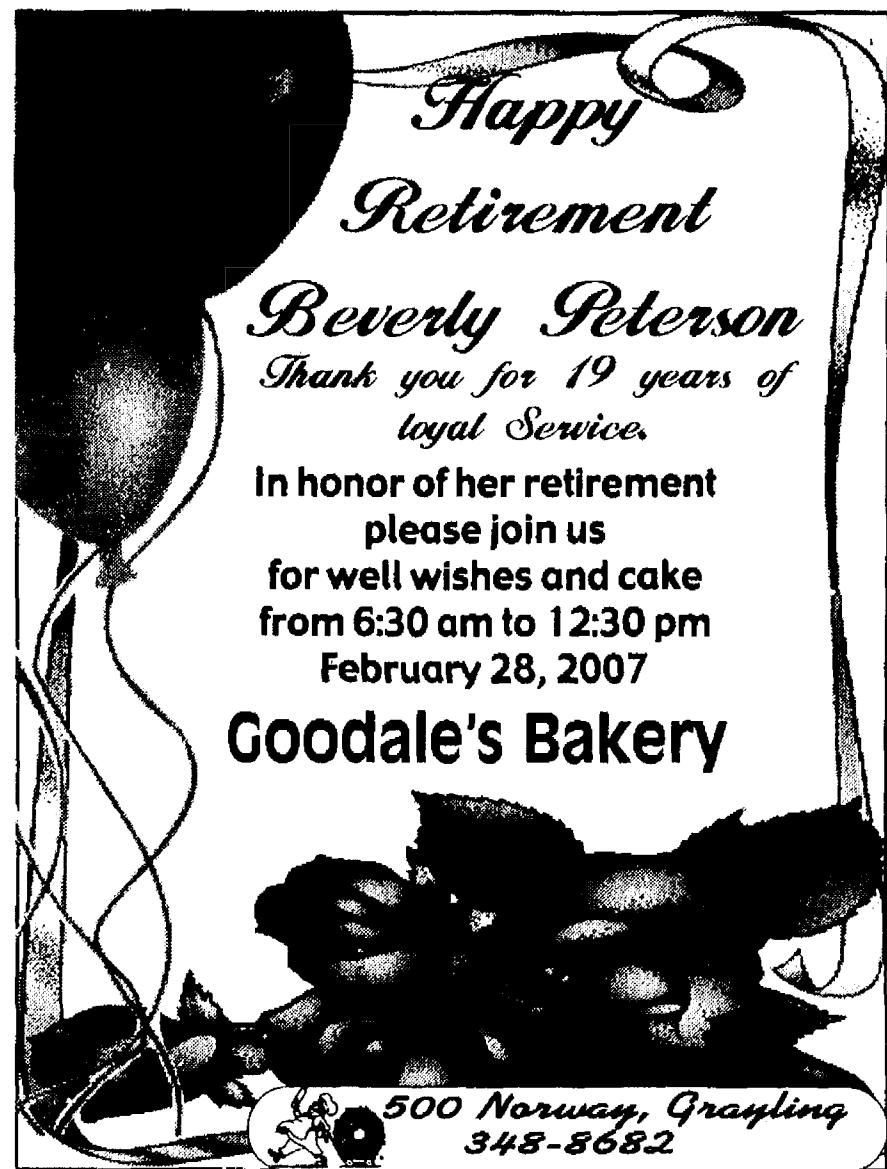
The ruling provoked skepticism as well.

Rusty Hill, press secretary to Attorney Gen. Mike Cox, said the decision was a minor one and won't be widely felt in Michigan's courts.

"Because it's about process and not merits, we don't think it will really change future lawsuits or the number of them," he said.

Hill emphasized that the Supreme Court upheld the state's requirement that inmates use departmental methods before suing.

"If we had lost that, then there would have been an avalanche of lawsuits that would overwork the courts."



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Salon Rue opens in downtown Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A veteran hair stylist has stepped out on her own in order to provide a modern salon environment in downtown Grayling.

Shawn Carlson opened the doors of Salon Rue, formerly Northern Expressions, at 402 James St. on Jan. 25.

Rue is French for road, so Carlson said the name refers to "the road to the salon."

"I wanted to do something that was catchy but unique," said Carlson, adding that she visited several salons in the region before deciding on the name.

Carlson purchased the business from Northern Expressions owner Lynn Trudeau-Chene around Jan. 1.

After doing extensive remodeling, Carlson opened in January in order to serve her existing clientele. Carlson was a stylist at A Cut Above for 20 years.

Carlson has hired Sandi and Gary Hasson to serve as massage therapists at the salon. She is in the process of hiring an esthetician to do facial massages, a nail technician and a foot reflexologist, who will offer foot massages and provide foot care.

A massage studio, along with a tanning bed, are located in the lower level of the salon.

"I'm just really excited about being able to create this type of environment for my clients and being able to make it happen for them," Carlson said.

Along with being open for normal business hours, Carlson said she will offer two and four-hour salon packages that will include a facial, massage, com-



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plete nail care and a hair style that will be complete with food and beverages. The packages are being offered for weddings, proms and other special occasions.

Carlson said it has always been her goal to own her salon,

and she was ready to take the next step in her career.

"I definitely wanted to take the salon experience to the next level," she said.

Carlson said that Salon Rue will eventually have 10 employees.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Salon Rue will be open Monday through Saturday and will also offer evening appointments Monday through Thursday.

Carlson said she is planning on having a grand opening for Salon Rue on April 1.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Feb. 12 - Feb. 18:

Three private property accidents, one misdemeanor citation,

seven traffic warnings, one felony arrest, one civil complaint, three suspicious situation complaints, four city ordinance violations, one malicious destruction of property com-

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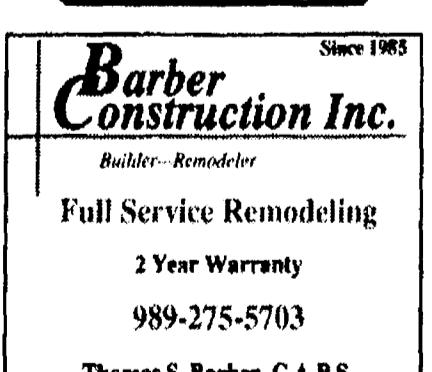


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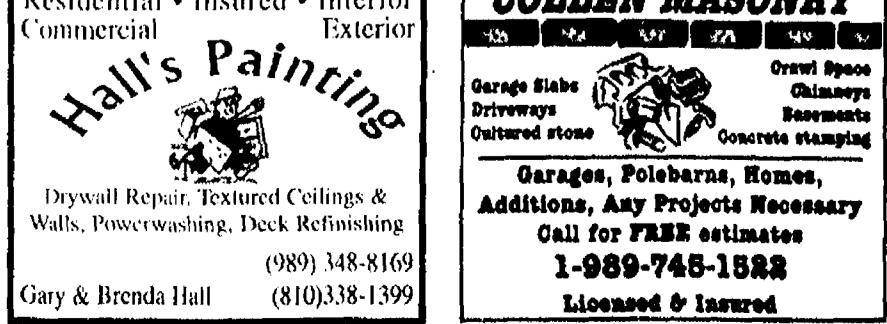
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KCC names local hoops guru as men's basketball coach

Officials at Kirtland Community College recently announced the hiring of local basketball guru Ty McGregor as the new head coach of the college's mens basketball team.

McGregor, a 1990 graduate of Mio-AuSable High School, is known throughout Michigan as the creator and director of the Ty McGregor's Roundball Camp, which he hosts during the summer months to help teach to young hoopsters, grades third through 12th, the fundaments of basketball.

"I now have a chance to coach at the collegiate level in my own backyard," said the 35-year-old McGregor, who accepted the head coaching position Thursday, Jan. 25. "It's great. It's a dream come true to know that I have this opportunity."

Some local residents might remember McGregor as a basketball standout at Mio, where he was a member of the Thunderbolts' Class "D" state championship team his junior year. The 6-foot point guard later played four years for the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies and three seasons (1998-2000 and 2002) professionally in Denmark, where he was a player/coach.

"Knowing that there is a definite difference in playing and coaching the game of basketball, I have not only played at every level of the game," he said, "but I have also coached and taught at every level of the game, from elementary school

to college in the United States, to the professional level in Europe."

McGregor's years overseas followed stops as an assistant coach for the mens basketball teams at Grand Valley State University (1996-97) and Central Michigan University (1997-98), respectively.

"Basketball has always been a big part of my life," McGregor said. "I've learned a lot of life's lessons through basketball."

McGregor, who is in his first year as the head coach of the Mio boys varsity basketball team, will continue to coach the Thunderbolts with his father, Butch McGregor, one of the team's assistant coaches.

"I think it will be beneficial for both Mio and Kirtland," he said of the two head coaching positions. "I'll be able to watch quite a few high schoolers play this way."

McGregor added he plans to put together competitive teams at Kirtland built on recruiting players from northern Michigan.

"You don't always get a lot of publicity playing (high school basketball) up here," McGregor said. "There's a lot of kids who slip through the cracks who can play at this level."

"Our base will be northern Michigan kids. And I'll use my connections with people in southern Michigan ... even overseas in Denmark, where I played."

KCC athletic director Douglas Ryckman said

McGregor's local ties were a key factor in the selection process.

"He's well known for being a quality person," Ryckman said. "With all the years he's had his basketball camps, he continues to forge strong relationships with the kids. And he stresses the importance of academics.

"We had some quality candidates apply for the head coach position," he added. "(But) Ty's enthusiasm... his positive energy is going to be contagious."

Kirtland established its mens and womens basketball programs in 2000, and McGregor is just the second head coach of the mens team. He will succeed Glen Donahue, who will continue coaching the Firebirds through the end of the current 2006-07 season.

"Glen was instrumental in helping Kirtland establish its basketball programs," Ryckman said. "This college will always appreciate Glen for his years of service and for paving the way for the future success of our athletic programs here."

Donahue was inducted into the Michigan Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991 and is reportedly the winningest coach in Michigan college basketball history. The 71-year old resident of Southfield has more than 700 wins to his credit during his years of coaching at both the high school and collegiate levels.

Earlier this season on Jan. 13,

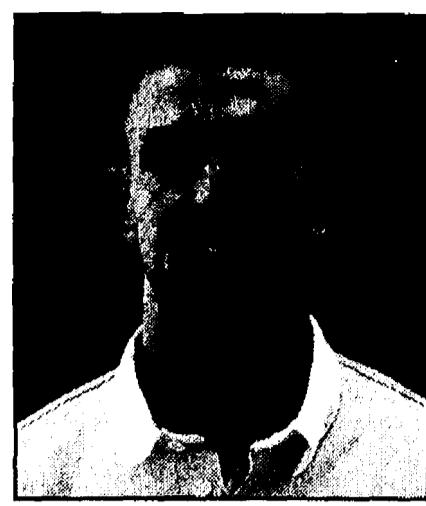
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Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University announced the dean's list for the 2006-07 academic year. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Area students are: Jason A.



Ty McGregor

Donahue celebrated his 100th victory as coach of the Firebirds after a 69-68 upset of visiting St. Clair County Community College at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

Donahue has usually tried to push his teams to play an up-tempo game. And Firebirds fans should expect to see a similar fast-paced style of basketball under McGregor, who stresses conditioning and end-to-end action.

"We'll play 94 feet -- offensively and defensively," McGregor said. "We're going to be up and down the court."

"When a team comes to play us, they'll be in for a dogfight. We might not win, but they'll know we're there."

McGregor, who graduated Oakland University in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in history, lives in the Mio area with his wife, Kristi. Besides overseeing his basketball camps, McGregor is the owner/manager of the Mio Body Shop, a local fitness center.

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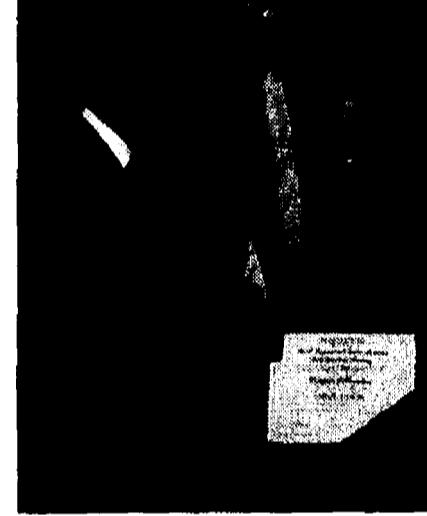
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Presenting his Certificate of Graduation and Credentials was Thomas J. Walters, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Training and Development, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C.

Jason will now report to Homeland Security and Border Protection, Port Authority,

Seattle, Wash., for additional training in Sea Port and Marine Division, International Airport Security and will reside in Federal Way, Wash.

Northern Michigan University

Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University announced the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. The following students qualified with a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.99: Emily J. Henion, of Frederic; Michael V. Hoag, Rachel L. Hunt, and Kimberly T. Ruley, all of Grayling.

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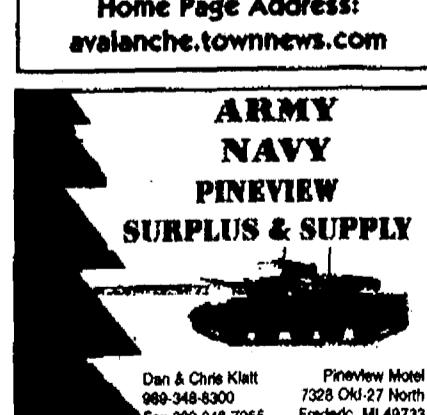
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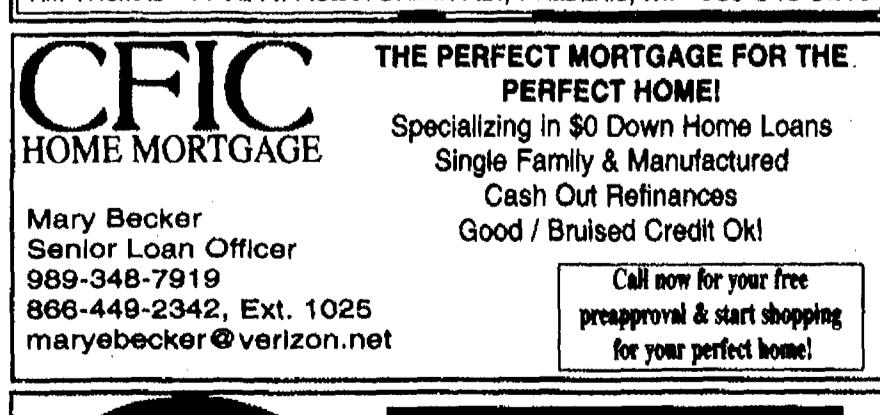
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Mike Downey and Chris Lopiccolo of MMR talked to fourth grade students at Grayling Elementary School last Tuesday as part of the Junior Deputy Program. The two emergency responders gave equipment demonstrations – including heart monitor (left, with student Hunter Ward) and blood pressure monitor (right, with student Maggie Gasser) – in an effort to familiarize students with some of the gear used in ambulances. In the fourth grade classes of Renee Markel and Dawn Feldhauser, 43 percent of students said they were present when an ambulance had been called, none of which involved car accidents. Fifty-two percent said they might be interested in the paramedic career field, with the number one reason being a desire to help people. Forty-eight percent said they were not interested due to 24-hour shifts, having to give shots and deal with blood, broken bones, or patients dying, and other reasons.

Mathews travels to Gulf Coast to help Katrina victims

Volunteering 10 hours a day, six days a week in a disaster area, while living in a hut and eating from a camp kitchen, may not appeal to many. But it did appeal to Grayling resident Jay Mathews because it meant helping Gulf Coast communities recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Mathews was one of 260 Weyerhaeuser volunteers who

traveled at company expense to help co-workers, Weyerhaeuser retirees and others in the community repair, rebuild or replace more than 50 homes that had been damaged or destroyed by the storm. The last of the Weyerhaeuser families affected by the hurricane will be back in their homes this month.

In addition to sponsoring this loaned employee program,

Weyerhaeuser dispatched an experienced disaster relief coordinator to help employees get relief aid, organized an adopt-a-family program among employees, and raised contributions that it donated along with company money. These and other efforts earned the company the Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership, presented Nov. 29 at the White House in Washington, D.C.

The Ron Brown Award is the only presidential award to honor companies for the quality of their relationships with employees and communities. It is named for the late Ron Brown, former head of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"To launch our taste-bud testing," said Audrey Stone, the Michigan regional marketing manager for McDonald's, "we have been surveying customers in the Grayling area. McDonald's is learning everything from a customer's favorite specialty coffee drink to what time of day they usually take a break for specialty coffee."

As part of the program, McDonald's has surveyed Grayling customers within the

Specialty coffees taste tested at local McDonald's

past 30 days. Overwhelmingly, cappuccino was the customers' favorite, yet locals also loved mochas.

The Grayling restaurant features a newly created employee position called a barista, who has been specially trained in the art of mixing espresso-based coffee drinks. They are also trained to translate the language used at other coffeehouses to take customers' specialty coffee drink orders.

"We wanted to give our customers the opportunity to experience the taste and quality of coffeehouse drinks with the convenience and value of Grayling's favorite restaurant," said Rick Steckley, the Grayling McDonald's owner/operator. "Our customers' tastes helped choose the blend of coffee beans in Premium Roast Coffee for the rest of the nation, and now they get the same opportunity with our McCafe™ specialty coffees."

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Monday, Feb. 26 - Lunch - baked chicken, potatoes and peas, stewed tomatoes, and pineapple. Dinner - kielbasa with sauerkraut, au gratin potatoes, green beans, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Cardo.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Lunch - baked ham, peas, glazed sweet potatoes and apple. Dinner - sausage pizza, Italian blend vegetable, pineapple and peaches. 10 a.m. tenant council meeting.

BIRTHS

Danielle Lepsy and Thomas Lozon of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Taylor Nicole, born at Mercy Hospital on December 25, 2006, at 3:25 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10.7 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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Seifert, Junker engaged



Gwen Seifert and Kyle Junker

Joseph and Susan Seifert of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen Frances, to Kyle Garrison Junker, son of Arthur and Judith Junker, of Sayre, Pa.

Kyle is a 1997 graduate of Lycorning College in Williamsport, Pa.

The couple currently drive trucks over-the-road as a team.

An August 2007 wedding is planned.

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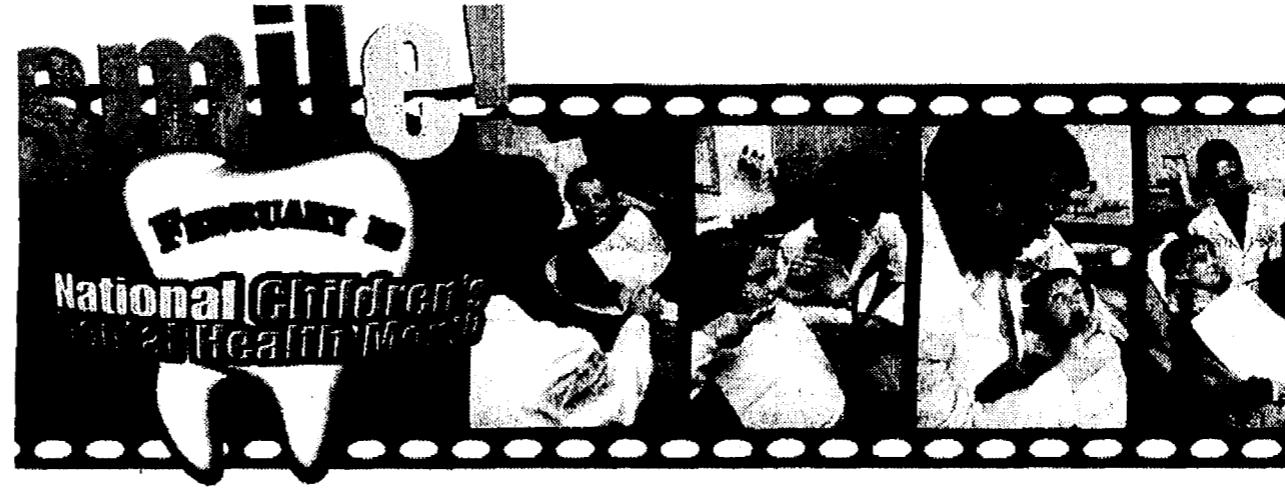
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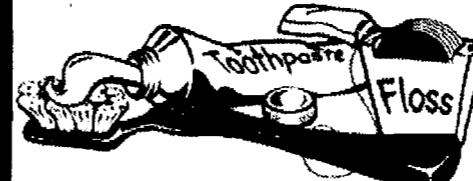
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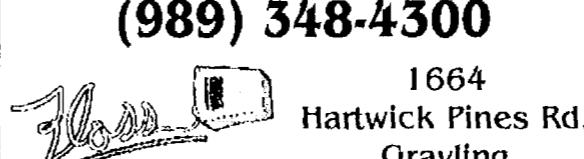
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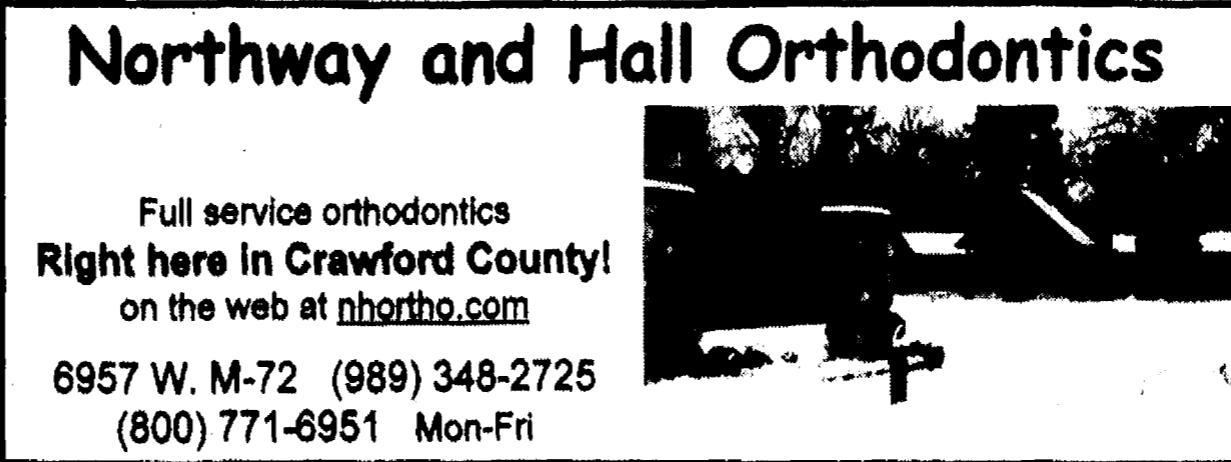
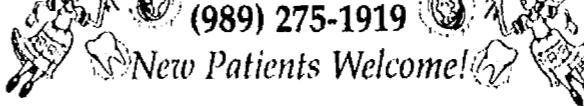
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After three weeks of racing, Hanson Hills Race Team series champions were named. Pictured are some of the racers at the final medal ceremony held on Feb. 11, at Hanson Hills: L to R (front row) Ciara Summers, Matt Dunckel; (middle row) Dan Miller, Nicole Oppermann, Megan Oppermann, Skye Shriner, Mikayla Dunckel; (back row) Brad Wagner, John Hilbrecht, Victoria Doster, Randi Lemaster, Nick McDonald, Savannah Sullivan, Cari Oppermann, and Emily Wingard.

Michigan Avenue project slated to begin in August

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Development Corporation to help pay for water, sewer and street upgrades in the downtown business district for the project.

A total of \$224,100 of the project will be paid for through a special assessment levied on downtown business owners, based on the amount of property they own fronting Michigan Avenue.

The remaining funds will be paid from the city's water fund, sewer fund, major streets fund, income tax fund and general fund.

City officials shelved plans to levy a millage on downtown property owners, expand the DDA district or garner more tax revenue and sell bonds to save on the long term costs of the

project.

"We are hoping that the Michigan Avenue project will be a catalyst for us to start looking at other projects so we are going to have to look at other ways to finance them," said Grayling City Manager Thayer.

City officials will be explaining the details for the special assessment at the meeting. Thayer said that business owners will be given the flexibility to pay tax assessments off in one year or over a period of 12 years.

"We don't want the project to put too much of a bite on anyone's business at one time," he said.

Construction downtown is expected to begin on Aug. 1, avoiding the start of the summer tourism season and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon festival.

"It's ready to go and we're delaying the start of everything until after the Fourth of July and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Festival," Thayer said. "When the fall season comes, we're going to have a nice, clean and crisp looking downtown and

we will have everything done."

City and DDA officials will also be educating business owners on a facade improvement offered by the Crawford County's Economic Development Loan program. Up to \$7,500 loans are being made available on the condition that the property owner invests 25 percent of the amount loaned into the facade upgrades. The loan repayments are deferred for five years. The county has earmarked \$75,000 for facade improvement projects.

Thayer said city officials are particularly urging businesses who have ground supports for their existing facades to consider taking advantage of the program. City officials are encouraging business owners to anchor their facades to outside walls of their business so that the integrity of the brick paved sidewalks will not be disrupted if existing facade ground supports need to be replaced in the future.

"If business owners are considering changing their facades, the time to make those changes

is now," Thayer said.

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing at its Monday, March 12 meeting in order to declare the public necessity for the streetscape project.

Pete Ingvarsson, chairman of the DDA, said that over 80 percent of the downtown business property owners have signed petitions supporting the community enhancement plans.

"This is not a dream anymore and we're moving toward that Aug. 1 date and are ready to get this thing going," Ingvarsson said.

A second public hearing will be held at the city council's Monday, April 9 meeting, when city officials will authorize the preparation for the special assessment tax rolls.

Bids for the projects will then be sought. Thayer said construction firms have been aggressively seeking jobs for the upcoming construction season, anticipating a decline in state road work.

"Hopefully, that will work in our favor and we will get a better bid for the project," Thayer said.

MDOT to invest \$120 million in Northern Lower Michigan during 2007

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) recently approved 2007-11 Five Year Transportation Program will provide millions of dollars in transportation improvements to Northern Lower Michigan again this year. According to state transportation officials, the 2007 construction season will bring a \$120 million investment to the region. The 2007 plan includes:

\$35 million in road rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, \$21 million in Capital Preventive Maintenance (plus an additional \$32 million for routine maintenance), \$2 million for passing-relief lanes, and another \$10 million for other modes of transportation.

"This year, we will meet our 2007 pavement condition goal of having 90 percent of roads and bridges in good condition," said North Region Engineer Brian Ness. "We have focused our efforts on this goal since 1997, in order to improve the tourism experience and enhance the economic activity of the region. Our continued investments will ensure that our infrastructure does not deteriorate to the extent that our system was at a decade ago."

Based on a recent study by the

University of Michigan Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the Economic Development Research Group, Inc., approximately 2,000 jobs are expected to be created or retained in Michigan as a result of this \$120 million investment.

During the 2007 construction season, some highlights include:

Repairing and resurfacing 2 miles of northbound I-75, south of Mackinaw City, from US-31 to M-108, including ramps (Cheboygan County).

Resurfacing 11.6 miles of I-75 from Sturgeon Valley Road to Wolverine Road, north of Gaylord (Cheboygan County).

Intersection improvements on 0.6 mile of M-72 from US-31 to Mt. Hope Road, and US-31 south of M-72 in Acme. Project includes widening for dual left-turn lanes on M-72 and for a right-turn lane on northbound US-31 (Grand Traverse County.)

Bridge removal, culvert placement, and paving and slope restoration on 0.2 mile of US-23, 2 miles north of Arenac/Iosco county line (Iosco County).

Removing and replacing 11.3 miles of US-131 between Kalkaska and Manistee (Kalkaska County and portions of Antrim County).

Repairing and milling 5.3 miles of US-31, near Manistee, from M-22 to Coates Highway, and from Maidens Road to Potter Road. Includes extension of passing relief lane, along with safety and drainage improvements (Manistee County).

Resurfacing 12.9 miles of US-131, northbound from Luther Road to M-115, and US-131 southbound from White Pine Trail Road to M-115, southeast

of Cadillac (Oscoda County).

Constructing 1.3 miles of passing relief lane on M-33 from Curtisville Road to Zimowski Road, south of Mio (Oscoda County)

Resurfacing 11.3 miles of US-23 from Alpena/Presque Isle county line to CR-638. Project includes guardrail upgrades and slope restoration (Presque Isle County.)

Resurfacing 9.7 miles of US-127 from CR-104 to the US-127/I-75 junction, between Higgins Lake and Grayling (Roscommon County.)

Intersection improvements and widen bridge for pedestrian facilities on 0.6 mile of M-115 at North Boulevard, near Cadillac (Wexford County.)

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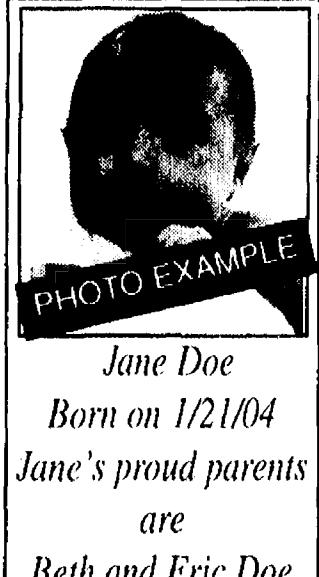
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Vikings win a district title with victories vs. Elk Rapids, Cheboygan

Wrestlers clinch championship with 52-24 victory over Chiefs

■ Grayling advances to district finals with 55-24 semifinal win against Elks

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School are district champions.

The GHS varsity wrestling team defeated the Elk Rapids Elks and Cheboygan Chiefs at Kalkaska last Thursday to win the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District No. 167-3 tournament.

The Vikings opened their tournament run with a semifinal match vs. Elk Rapids.

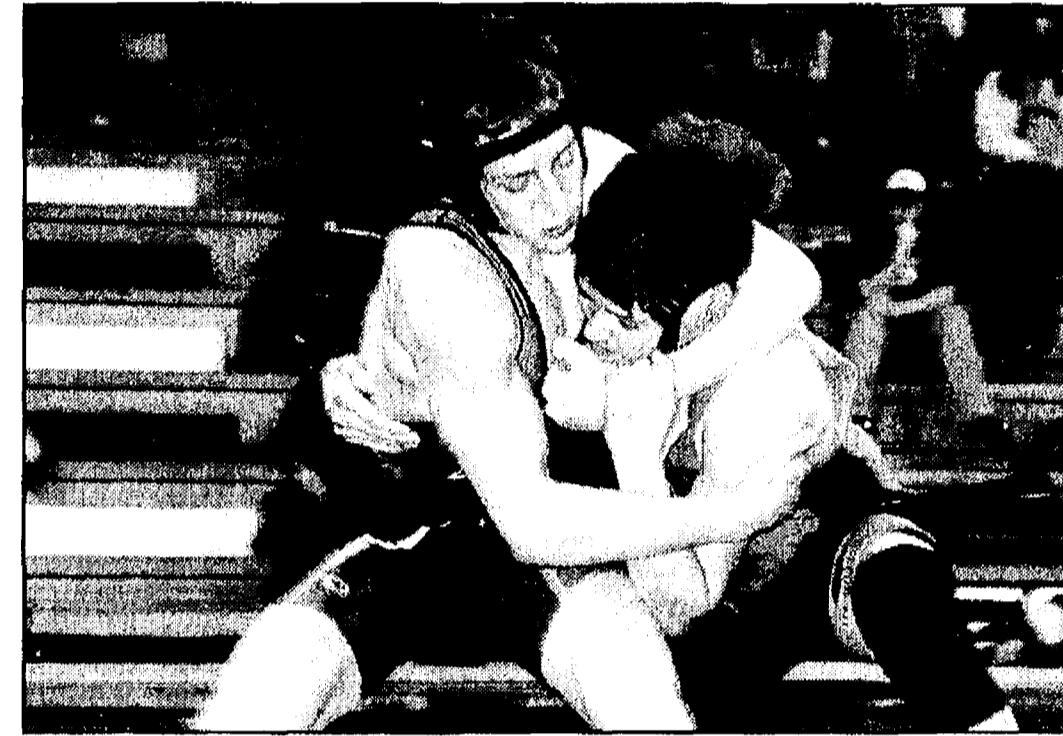
In the first weight class (215), Joey Contreras scored a first round pin to give GHS a 6-0 lead. Matt Letts won the heavyweight division and Grayling led 12-0. Elk Rapids won by pin in the 103-pound weight class. At 112, Josh Moggo pinned his Elk Rapids opponent in the third round. The Elks tied the score at 18-18 with pins in the 119- and 125-pound divisions.

Stephen Grove (130) pinned his Elk Rapids counterpart in the first round. Grayling forfeited at 135, resulting in a score of 24-24.

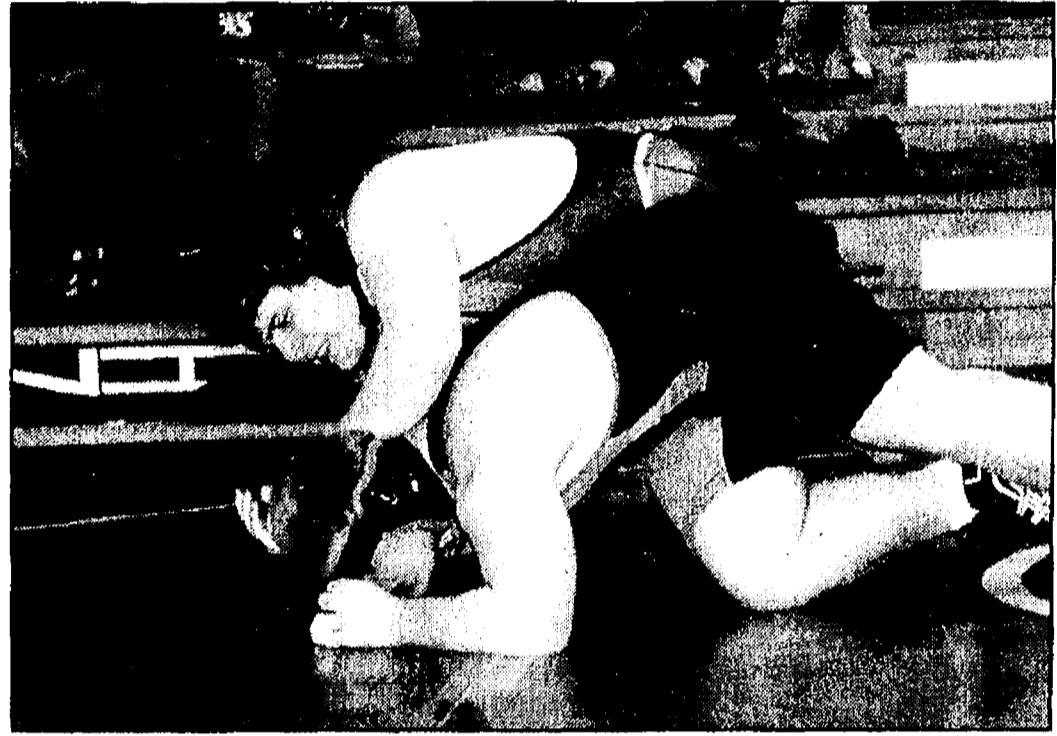
The Vikings won the final six matches. Cody Collen (140) and Cody Malone (145) both posted second round pins. Jeff Bancroft (152) won by pin in the first

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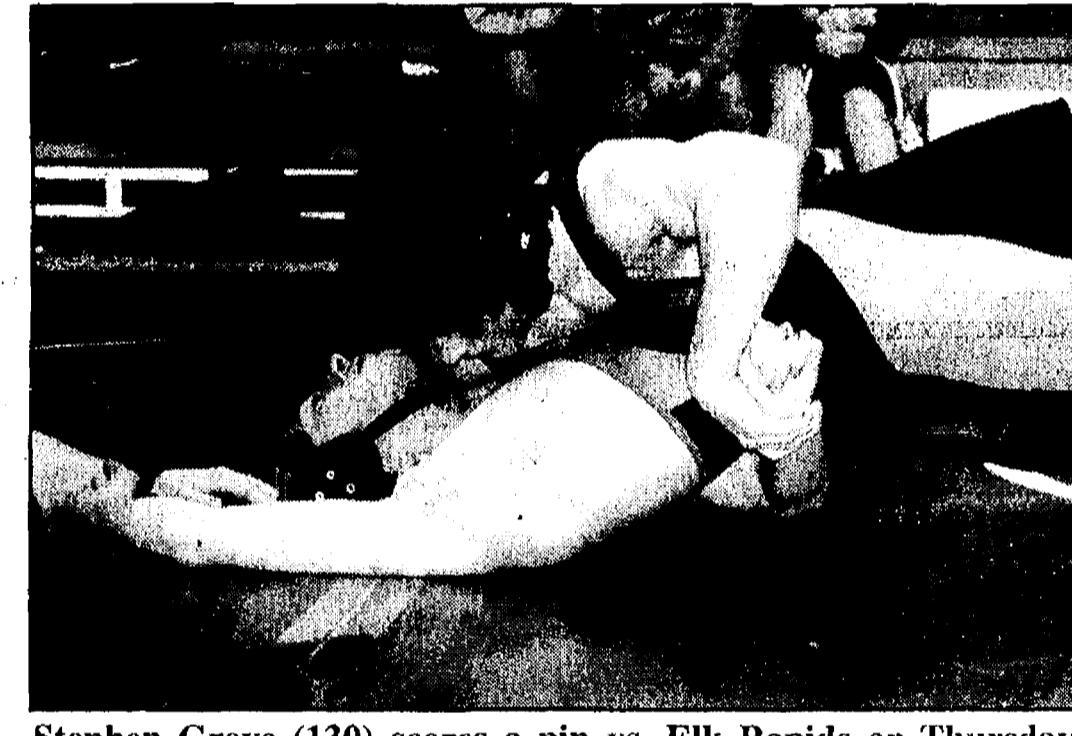
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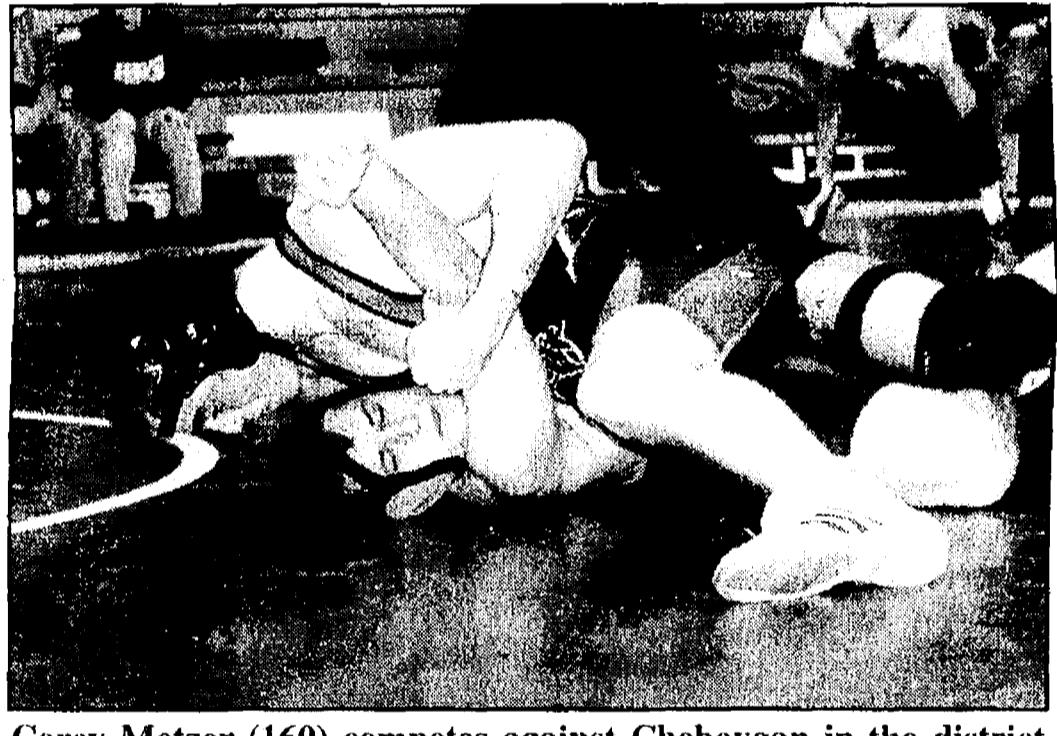
Cody Collen (140) wrestles against Cheboygan in the district finals on Thursday. Collen won the match by decision, 6-3.



Matt Letts battles an Elk Rapids opponent in the heavyweight division. Letts won the contest by pin in the first round.



Stephen Grove (130) scores a pin vs. Elk Rapids on Thursday night at districts.



Corey Metzer (160) competes against Cheboygan in the district championship round last week. Metzer won a 13-3 decision.

One Viking qualifies for state ski finals

■ Grayling's girls team finishes 4th at regionals; Cassie Pizzi earns spot in finals

At last Thursday's regional ski meet at Caberfae Resort in Cadillac, Grayling High School's girls team finished just short of a state finals berth, but had one skier qualify for the state championships.

The GHS girls team finished 4th overall behind Traverse City St. Francis, Mount Pleasant, and Manistee. The top three schools advance to the state finals, which put the girls just out of it in a strong 12-team field.

The Vikings were led by Cassie Pizzi in both events with 11th place finishes in each. Erica Moggo and Hannah Smith placed right next to each other in giant slalom (GS) at 22nd and 23rd place. In slalom, Hannah Smith finished in 14th place, Erica Moggo 17th, and Hailey McMahon 27th.

Pizzi's finishes were good enough to qualify her for the state finals in both events for the second year in a row. Smith finished just out of the qualifying, missing the cut by only 0.17 of a second.

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See "ONE VIKING..."

Varsity basketball team defeats Ogemaw 71-54

■ Grayling outscores West Branch 21-5 in the final 3:30 to win Tuesday's game

The GHS varsity boys basketball squad posted a 71-54 victory over the West Branch Ogemaw Heights Falcons last Tuesday at Grayling High School, clinching the win with a strong performance down the stretch.

The Vikings led 15-10 after one quarter and had a 33-26 advantage at halftime. Grayling took a two-point lead (43-41) into the fourth period.

With 3:39 left in the game, Ogemaw scored an inside shot to cut Grayling's lead to one, 50-49. The Vikings responded with a 10-0 run. The run included a put-back by Mike Boylan, a three-point play by Boylan, two free throws by Richard Schreiber, and a triple by Steve Hodge.

At the 1:44 mark, Josh Stapleton hit a three-pointer to put Grayling up by 13, 63-50. Ogemaw scored an inside shot to pull within 11. A three-point play by Hodge, a layup by Boylan, and a free throw by Boylan gave Grayling a 69-52 lead. The Vikings scored the



Mike Boylan shoots the ball for Grayling during last Tuesday's home game against the West Branch Ogemaw Heights Falcons.

JV team wins at Harbor Springs

■ Grayling falls to West Branch Ogemaw Heights 55-53 on Tuesday night

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team won a road game at Harbor Springs 59-47 last Friday.

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city of defenses and our kids did a great job of adjusting to each one. Jacob Aubry did a nice job of handling their press and controlling our offense. Alex Gabriel played a key role in breaking the press and did a good job passing the ball.

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Ryan Foguth handles the ball for the JV Vikings vs. Ogemaw Heights on Tuesday.

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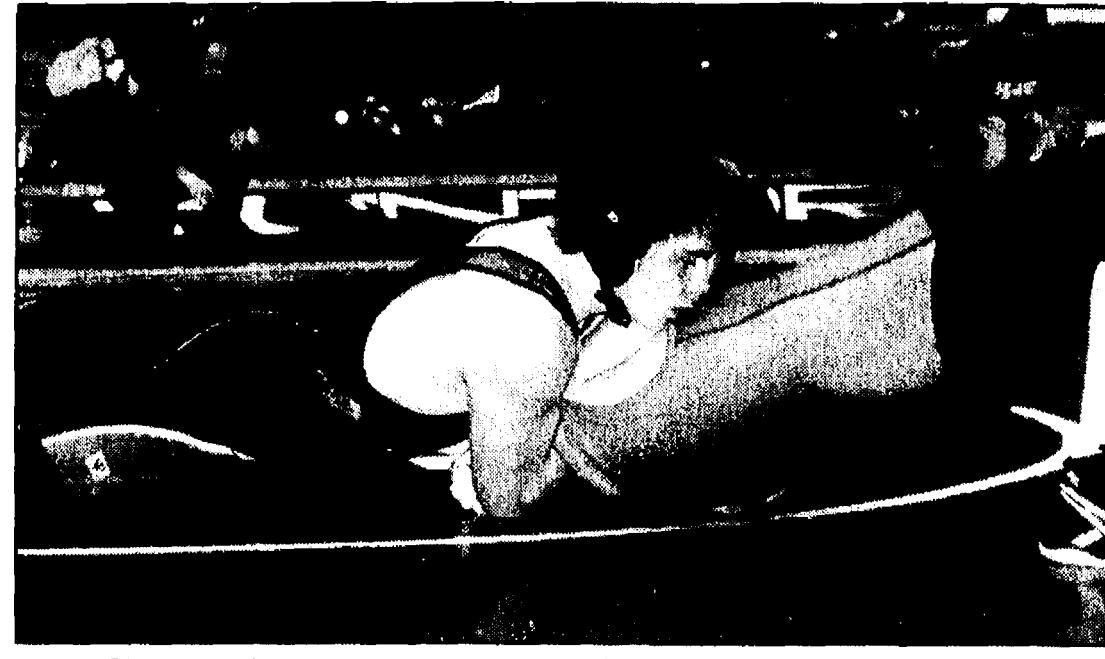


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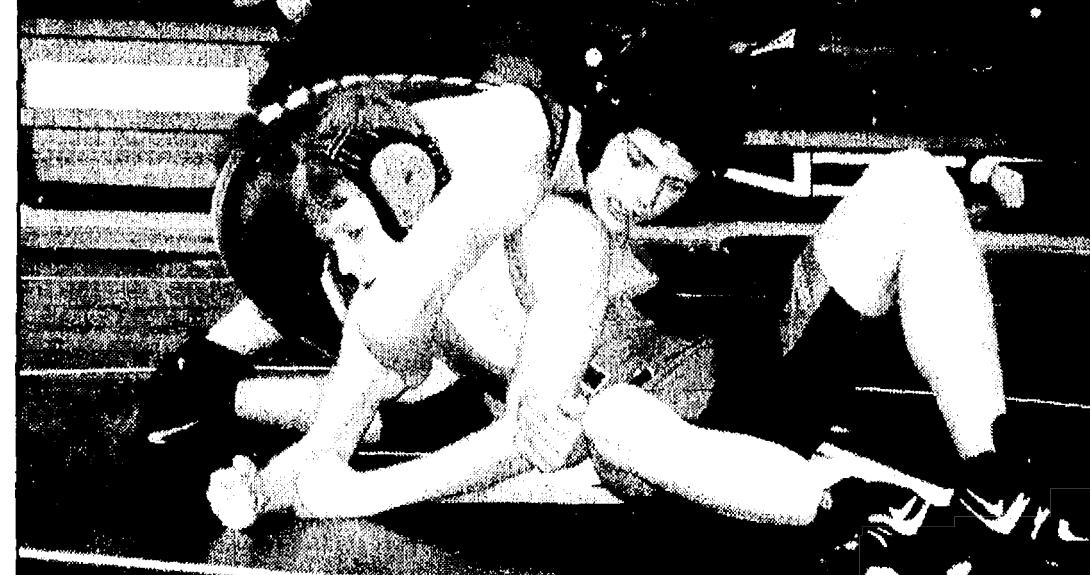
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Matt Haight (189), left, wrestles against the Chiefs in the district finals. Cody Malone (145), right, grapples with an Elk Rapids opponent.



Jeff Bancroft (152), left, pins a Cheboygan opponent on Thursday. Josh Moggo (112), right, wrestles against the Cheboygan Chiefs.



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round. Corey Metzer (160) won a 9-5 decision. Eric Madill (171) posted a pin in the second round. Matt Haight (189) won an 18-7 decision in the last match of the contest. Grayling won by a final score 55-24.

In the other semifinal battle, the Cheboygan Chiefs defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 39-35, setting up a Grayling vs. Cheboygan district championship matchup.

Letts gave GHS a 6-0 lead with a first round pin in the heavyweight division. Cheboygan won by pin at 103. Moggo (112) pinned his Cheboygan counterpart in the first round. Adam Crittenden (119) won with a second round pin. The Chiefs won at 125 with a pin in the first round. Grayling forfeited the 130-pound weight class, tying the score at 18-18.

Grove (135) won an 8-6 decision and Collen (140) won a 6-3 decision. Malone (145) pinned his Cheboygan opponent in the second round. Bancroft (152) won by pin in the first round. Metzer (160) won a 13-3 decision to give Grayling a 40-18 advantage with three weight classes remaining.

At 171, Haight pinned his Cheboygan counterpart in the first round. Madill (171) scored a pin in the third round. Grayling forfeited the last weight class (215). The Vikings won by a final score of 52-24 and clinched a district championship with the

victory.

"We wrestled awesome against some motivated teams tonight. I think the kids showed us what they were made of," Assistant Coach Larry Duvall said. "You couldn't ask for a better bunch of kids."

The Vikings will wrestle against Roscommon in the MHSAA Region No. 117-3 tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Cheboygan at 6 p.m. The winner will face Gladstone or Kingsford in the regional championship match.



Joey Contreras (215) battles an Elk Rapids opponent in the district semifinals.



Eric Madill (171) tries for a pin vs. Elk Rapids on Thursday night.



Tyler Arseneau (125) wrestles against Cheboygan at Kalkaska last week.



Adam Crittenden (119) pins his Cheboygan counterpart on Thursday.



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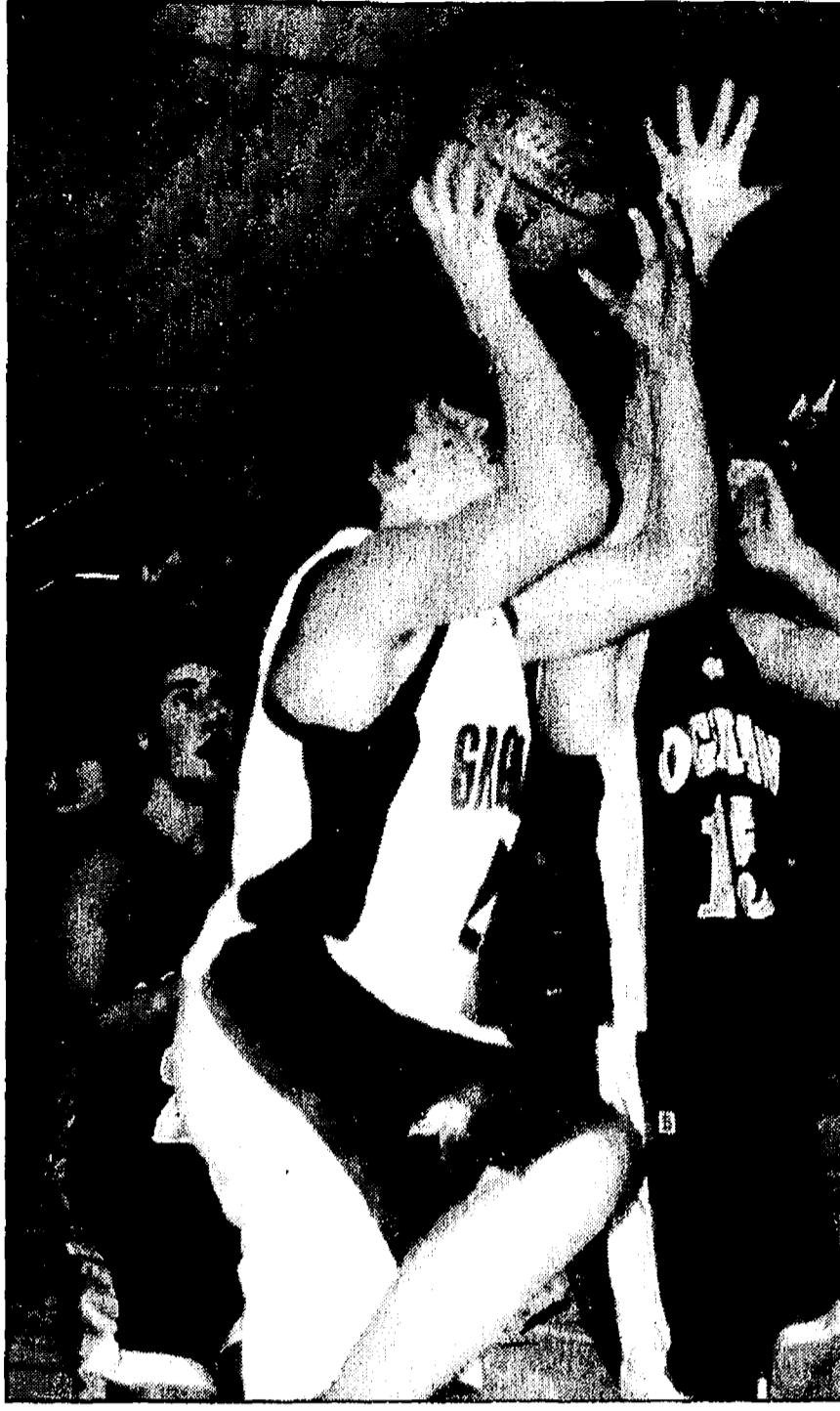
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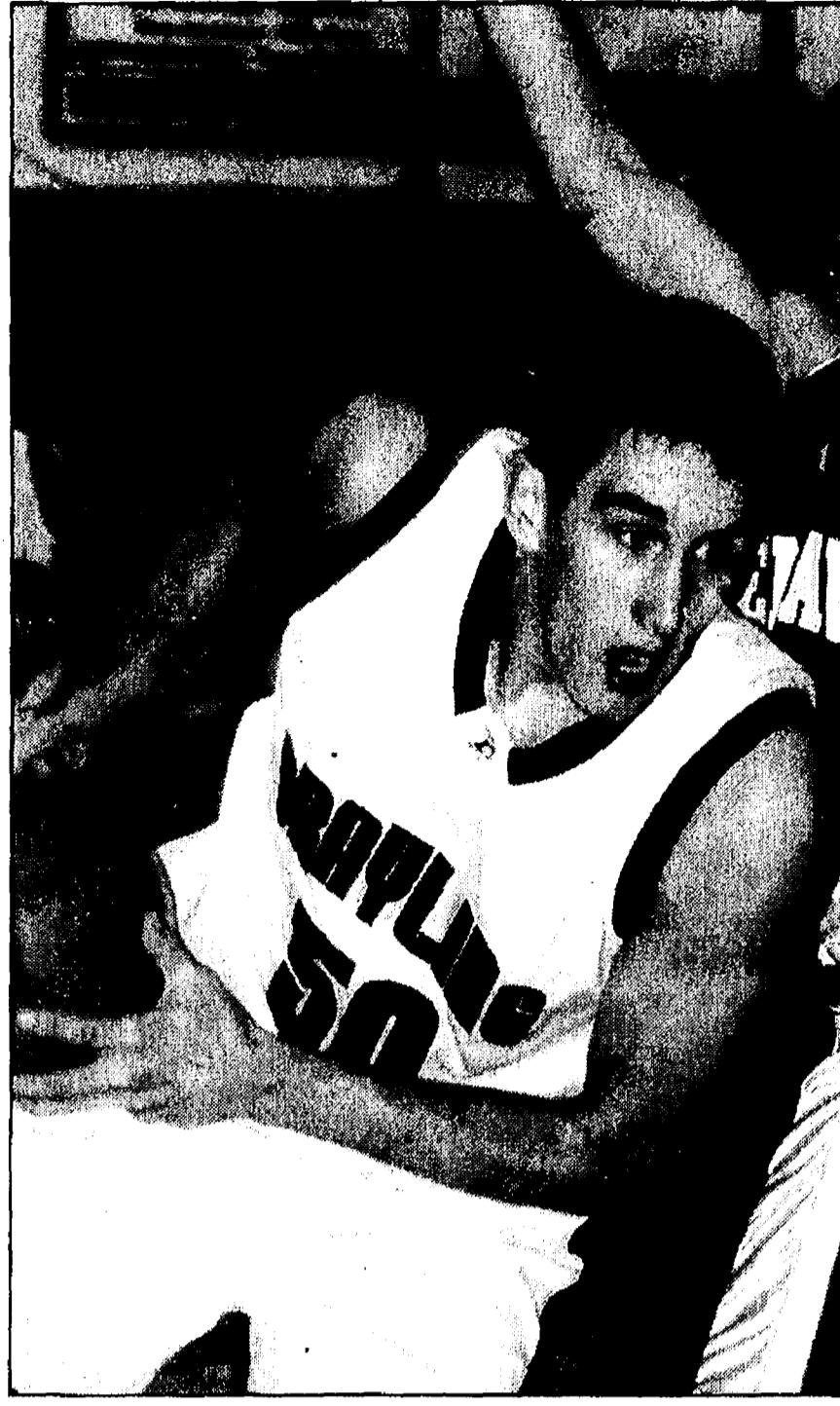
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Matt McDonald drives to the basket for the Vikings on Tuesday night vs. West Branch.



Jim Boylan handles the ball for Grayling inside the key during last week's game against the Falcons.

Varsity basketball team defeats Ogemaw 71-54

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final points of the contest with a pair of free throws by Schreiber. GHS won 71-54.

"With the exception of the third quarter, we played solid," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Mike Boylan played solid in the paint. Jim Boylan did a great job in the high post and had a career high.

five assists. Steve Hodge and Josh Stapleton knocked down some key three-pointers. Richie Schreiber played a good all around game and is turning into a good defender."

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: M. Boylan, 21 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks; Hodge, 20 points, 5 steals;

Schreiber, 9 points, 8 assists, 6 steals; J. Boylan, 8 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists; Stapleton, 8 points, 4 rebounds; Matt McDonald, 3 points; Nick Parkinson, 2 points.

"We are under three weeks away from the tourney. Improving our play at both ends of the court is very important at

this stage of the season," Coach Moffit said.

On Friday, the Vikings lost a road game at Harbor Springs 80-65.

Hodge was Grayling's leading scorer with 25 points and 4 assists. M. Boylan had 17 points and 5 rebounds. Stapleton had 7 points and 6 assists. J. Boylan had 7 points and 7 rebounds. McDonald, Jeremiah Bootz, and Schreiber also scored points for the Vikings.

Grayling (6-11) will host Kalkaska on Friday, Feb. 23.

In districts, the Vikings drew a first round bye and will face Cheboygan at Roscommon on Wednesday, March 7, in the semifinal round at 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets for the district game will be sold at the GHS office starting on Monday, Feb. 26.



Josh Stapleton dribbles the ball for the GHS Vikings on Tuesday night.

Freshman volleyball squad wins at Onaway

The Vikings of Grayling High School won a freshman volleyball meet at Onaway on Monday, Feb. 12. Grayling defeated Onaway 2-1, with scores of 25-13, 25-11, 5-15.

Suzanne House served at 93 percent and had 7 aces. Trisha Jones had 2 aces and served at 100 percent. Savannah Foguth served at 100 percent with 7 aces. Sierra Williamson (4) and Grace Calkins (7) led the team in kills.

"The kids played great. They all got their serves in, played

hard for every ball, and hustled. They transitioned well on and off the night. They all have been working hard and I am very proud," Coach Jessica Belusar said.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the Vikings lost three close games at Kalkaska (23-25, 19-25, 16-18). Calkins (4) and Arica Rockhold (3) led Grayling in kills. Calkins and House each had 2 blocks. Foguth led the squad in assists.

The Vikings will host East Jordan at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22.

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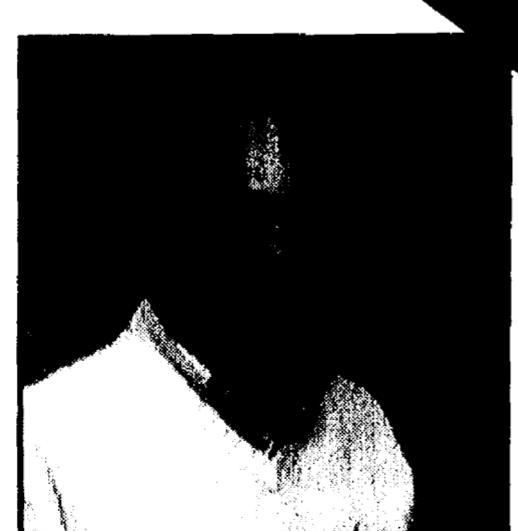
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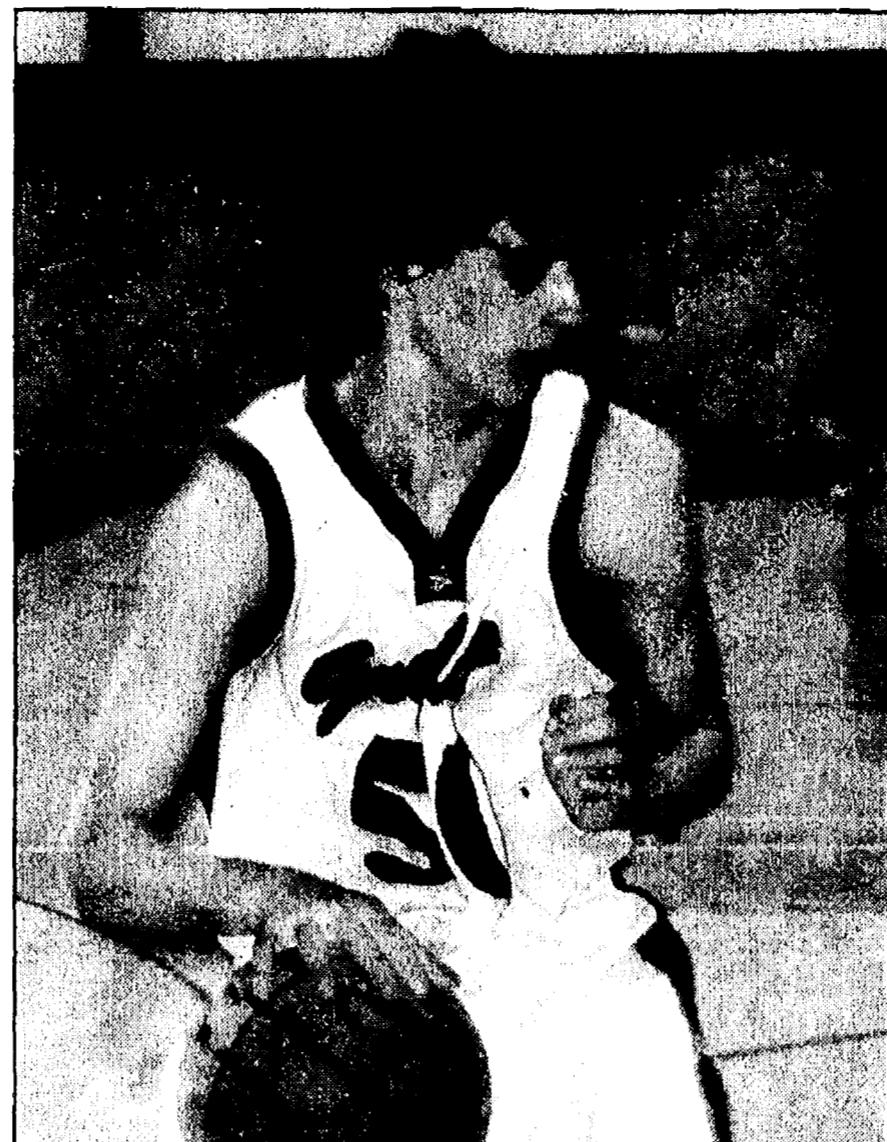
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Tyler Steffey dribbles the ball for the JV squad during last Tuesday's game against Ogemaw Heights.



Eric Ferrigan shoots the ball for Grayling High School's JV team on Tuesday.

JV team wins at Harbor Springs

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Spencer Dean did a nice job breaking their press and cutting through gaps. Tyler Steffey is getting much better and gaining post position – as a result he was our leading scorer with 15 points. John Cochrane gave us some good minutes off the bench with his defensive pressure and ability to hit the open jump shot," Coach Kucharek said.

The leading scorers for Grayling included: Steffey, 15 points; Gabriel, 14 points; Dean, 13 points; Aubry, 8 points; Cochrane, 4 points.

"As a team we are playing with

a lot more confidence and we are playing better team basketball. If we continue down this path we should have a good finish to our season," Coach Kucharek said.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a home game vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights 55-53.

The Vikings trailed by one point, 42-41, going into the fourth quarter. With 3:05 left in regulation and Ogemaw leading by four, Steffey converted a three-point play to pull GHS back within one, 50-49. Two free throws put West Branch ahead by three. A free throw by Aubry cut Ogemaw's lead to two. The

Falcons hit two free throws to take a 54-50 lead. Two free throws by Gabriel pulled GHS to within two. A free throw by Dean at the 50-second mark left Ogemaw's lead at one, 54-53.

Grayling's defense forced a 10-second violation. Ogemaw forced a tie-up to get the ball back. Grayling fouled, and the Falcons converted one of two free throws to lead 55-53. Ogemaw fouled at the 5-second mark, but Grayling missed both free throws. The Falcons won 55-53.

Grayling's leading scorers included: Dean, 17 points;

Steffey, 13 points; Aubry, 6 points; Eric Ferrigan, 6 points; Ryan Foguth, 5 points.

"In a two-point game you always look at little things like free throws. As a team we shot 18 for 37 from the free throw line. Forty-eight percent from the free throw line is not very good as a JV team. Offensively we struggled to play with confidence until late in the third quarter. We shot 17 free throws in the fourth quarter and only made six," Coach Kucharek said.

The JV squad will host Kalkaska on Friday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m.



Alex Gabriel (left) and Jacob Aubry (right) shoot the ball for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night vs. WBOH.



One Viking qualifies for state ski finals

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The GHS boys ski team finished 8th at regionals with Cadillac, Benzie Central, and Manistee being the top qualify-

ing teams. In GS, the boys were led by Jimmy Hilbrecht with a 21st and Andrew Hart with a 24th. In slalom, Mike Olson led the team with a 21st place.

"The day was bittersweet. It was great to have Cassie qualify, after how hard she's worked this year and skiing with a broken hand. She's not at full throttle and still skiing well. I'm very happy for her. Hannah was 0.17 away from the last qualifying spot, she's there, that's a hard one to let go. As well as Jimmy Hilbrecht, he was on the bubble for qualifying in slalom and had

to hit the gas on his 2nd run. When you're skiing wide open, mistakes happen. Jimmy had a hiccup three gates from the finish, bummer. It's a hard day, but he had to ski like that," Coach Brad Wagner said. "In true Jimmy form, he shook it off and was there to support the rest of his team with course info and back-up. That's true sportsmanship and everything good about student athletes."

The Vikings ski in the Lake Michigan Conference championship meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Nub's Nob.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	140
Two Track I	135
Holiday Inn	122
Two Track II	106
Sawmill	97
Growlers Pub	80
Legion	76
5 Ball Runs: Annette (Frederic Inn), Harmony and Dawn (Legion), Cindy, Lachelle, and Sandy (Holiday Inn). Won all games: Rose and Vickie (Frederic Inn).	33
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric Hoffman, a Married Man and Tina M Hoffman, his Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated June 1, 2005, and recorded on June 21, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 992, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagors to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six

And 73/100 Dollars (\$103,856.73), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 61, Sherwood Forest No. 2, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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File #129251FO1

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Dated: February 8, 2007
INVESTAID CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 21, 2007

Said premises are situated in Township of SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan and described as:
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INVESTAID CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-15-22-1-80
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chadwick J. Ellis, a Single Man aka Chad Ellis, original mortgagor(s), to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 464, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance, LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$84,697.93), including interest at

6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 20, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

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2007 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	105,400	121,121	43.51	1.1492
201 Commercial	4,275,300	4,086,503	52.31	0.9558
301 Industrial	13,350,200	13,350,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	63,859,500	66,798,640	47.80	1.0460
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	81,590,400	84,356,464	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	24,810,400	24,810,879	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	106,400,800	109,167,343	-	-
FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,248,100	2,262,580	49.68	1.0064
301 Industrial	437,100	490,792	44.53	1.1228
401 Residential	63,268,900	67,537,254	46.84	1.0675
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,897,400	2,105,862	45.05	1.1099
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	67,851,500	72,396,508	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,025,300	7,025,378	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	74,876,800	79,421,886	-	-
GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	10,069,900	10,498,227	47.96	1.0425
301 Industrial	23,166,400	24,191,060	47.88	1.0443
401 Residential	218,063,900	233,842,762	46.84	1.0675
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	252,300,200	268,532,049	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,419,900	6,419,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	258,720,100	274,951,949	-	-
LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,252,500	2,322,644	48.49	1.0311
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	65,237,300	67,645,479	48.22	1.0369
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	67,489,800	69,968,123	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,999,300	3,999,408	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	71,489,100	73,967,531	-	-
MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	1,052,200	1,143,198	46.02	1.0865
301 Industrial	1,621,400	1,724,526	47.01	1.0636
401 Residential	26,633,400	28,171,567	47.27	1.0578
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	29,307,000	31,039,291	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	1,672,120	1,673,920	49.95	1.0010
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	30,979,120	32,713,211	-	-
SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	3,936,300	4,075,688	48.29	1.0354
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	114,753,400	116,819,309	49.20	1.0163
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	119,287,400	121,493,634	37.42	1.3362
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,319,800	3,319,800	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	122,607,200	124,813,434	-	-
CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	32,322,200	32,302,818	50.03	0.9994
301 Industrial	7,372,400	6,986,732	52.76	0.9477
401 Residential	21,628,200	21,426,788	50.47	0.9907
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	61,322,800	60,716,338	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL PERSONAL	8,443,200	8,444,823	-	-
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	69,766,000	69,160,961	-	-

CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE BOARD POSITIONS

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY RESTORATION PROJECT. MEMBERS MUST HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD THAT SUCCESS OTHER THAN SIMPLY ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. TO EXPERIENCE WITH FUND RAISING AND, IDEALLY, HAVE GRANT SEEKING ABILITIES.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A COUNTY RESIDENT BUT MUST PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND AID THE WORK OF HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
FEB. 6, 2007

Notice to Grayling Township residents

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

January 10, 2007

WHEREAS, the Township of Grayling having a population of 2000 or more according to the most recent United States census, and having been notified by the Michigan Secretary of State of eligibility to become a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act of 1947 (PA

LEGAL ACTION

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2007 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:
Mon., March 12, 2007 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 15, 2007 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Friday, March 16, 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2007, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 12, 2007, at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 15, 2007, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearing.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2007.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2007 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agriculture	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk/Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-8232.

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2007 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2007 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 15, 2007 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling.

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stacey L. Hoover and Kimberly A. Hoover, husband and wife, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated March 4, 2002, and was recorded on March 7, 2002, in Liber 0572 on page 406 through 414 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$66,523.63, including interest at 7.25% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jane A. Marshall, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated November 23, 2004, and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 49, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Indymac Bank F.S.B. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine And 32/100 Dollars (\$209,579.32), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South One-Half of Lot 7, Entire Lots 8 and 9 excepting the South 30 Feet of Lot 9, Moon River Heights Subdivision. Together with an undivided interest in Beaver Dam Park and Beaver Lane.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC F 248,593,1313
Trott & Trott, PC.

Attorneys for Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #19705F03

-1-8-15-22

PUBLIC NOTICE Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organization meeting at 4:30pm on March 6, 2007. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the following schedule.

March 13, 2007 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm
March 17, 2007 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co, Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget Hearing for all Township Funds for 2007-2008 on TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

The proposed budgets can be viewed by calling the Clerk at 231-258-4359.

There will be an ANNUAL MEETING for the electors of BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP on SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
231-258-4359

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS! 2007 DOG LICENSE FEES:

\$15.00 for male and female animals

\$8.00 for spayed or neutered animals

WARNING!!

Beginning March 1

All License Fees Will Be \$25.00

YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF SPAYING OR NEUTERING AND PROOF OF A VALID RABIES VACCINATION IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A DOG LICENSE.

Before March 1st you may purchase your license at the following locations:

Beaver Creek Township Hall

Frederic Township Hall

South Branch Township Hall

Crawford County Treasurer's Office

Grayling Hospital for Animals

Roscommon Veterinary Clinic

Animal Shelter of Crawford County

Crawford County Animal Control Officer

After March 1st you may purchase your license at the following locations:

Crawford County Treasurer's Office

Grayling Hospital for Animals

Roscommon Veterinary Clinic

Animal Shelter of Crawford County

Crawford County Animal Control Office

Any Questions Please Call Treasurer's Office at 344-3204

Dated: February 6, 2007

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER PC

By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Independent Bank,

Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave.,

P.O. Box 219

Bay City, MI 48707

(989) 892-4574

-1-22-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT
FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 7th day of December, 2006, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 16th day of March, 2007 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit: 116 Evergreen Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Property tax number 040-45-780-00-076-00 and otherwise known as Lots 76, 77, 78 Riverside and consists of a residential lot with residential dwelling, including an attached garage.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
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-1-8-15-22-1-8

CRAWFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT TO THE BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY BOARD

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR AN ATTORNEY POSITION ON THE BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jean Stepe, An Unmarried Woman and Larry M. Ebersole, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated November 15, 2005, and recorded on November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 684, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One And 79/100 Dollars (\$122,881.79), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East 33 Feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East on the East-West 1/4 Line of said Section 400 feet, thence North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes East 133 Feet, thence North 89 Degrees 17 Minutes West 400 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 03 Seconds East to the Point of Beginning, but Reserving unto the Grantors Herein a 20 Foot Easement along the Southerly Edge of Such Property for Purposes of Ingress and Egress to the Property Immediately to the East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

-1-8-15-22

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Todd H Nye and Kathleen J Nye, husband and wife, as joint tenants with the rights of survivorship to:

Opinion One Mortgage Corporation Mortgagor, dated October 7, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 63 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2, by assignment dated October 27, 2006 and recorded November 13, 2006 in Liber 684, Page 119, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Nine And 00/100 Dollars (\$82,609.00), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-1: A parcel of land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, State of Michigan, being part of Parcel A as shown on the Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 136, Page 88 in the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 6; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along the West line of said section 919.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along said section line, 196.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 660.00; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 27 seconds West 196.59 feet; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West 660.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way of Oak Road over the Westerly 33 feet thereof.

Commonly known as 6793 S Oak Rd, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 25, 2007 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2,

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 07-

-1-8-15-22-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward A. Malinowski Jr., a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagor, dated October 11, 2005, and recorded on November 1, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 215, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nine

Hundred Forty-Three And 76/100 Dollars (\$54,943.76), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East 33 Feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East on the East-West 1/4 Line of said Section 400 feet, thence North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes East 133 Feet, thence North 89 Degrees 17 Minutes West 400 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 03 Seconds East to the Point of Beginning, but Reserving unto the Grantors Herein a 20 Foot Easement along the Southerly Edge of Such Property for Purposes of Ingress and Egress to the Property Immediately to the East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #128391F01

-15-22-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig A. Emery and Deborah L. Emery, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizen Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagor, dated October 4, 2002, and recorded on October 11, 2002 in Liber 600 on Page 3, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Nine And 00/100 Dollars (\$82,609.00), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 34, Shangri-La Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #128186F01

-15-22-18

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Donald R. Burton, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 13, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 1, 2000, in Liber 513, Page(s) 394, et seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$36,060.48, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Donald R. Burton, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 11.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on March 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 330.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43'00" WEST, 584.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 25'00"

WEST, 311.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35'30" WEST, 584.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 26'00" EAST, 310.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43'00" EAST, 584.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST SUBJECT TO A 15.0 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT OVER THE EAST SIDE THEREOF. SAID EASEMENT TO BE USED FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 33.0 FEET WIDE LYING 16.5 FEET EACH SIDE OF AND ADJACENT TO A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 956.50 FEET TO THE 1/8 LINE FOR THE PLACE OF ENDING. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 66.00 FEET WIDE EASEMENT LYING 33.0 FEET EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 643.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35'30" WEST, 634.15 FEET TO THE PLACE OF ENDING. A 60.0 FOOT RADIUS CIRCLE ALL OF WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS EASEMENT HAS AS ITS CENTER THE ABOVE NAMED POINT OF ENDING.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagor
Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a
Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

By:
DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagor
Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a
Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

Plaintiff
Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.
Assignee from Household Bank

Plaintiff's attorney
Timothy E. Baxter P28045

TIMOTHY E. BAXTER & ASSOCIATES

P.O. Box 2669
Farmington Hills, MI 48333

248/553-1155

v

Defendant
Foster J. Clark
146 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

Case No. E-11447

Plaintiff
Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.
Assignee from Household Bank

Plaintiff's attorney
Timothy E. Baxter P28045

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Plaintiff
Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.
Assignee from Household Bank

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Timothy E. Baxter P28045

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P.O. Box 2669
Farmington Hills, MI 48333

248/553-1155

v

Defendant
Foster J. Clark
146 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

Case No. E-11447

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 23, 1961 - The Underground Forest All-Stars captured first place at the St. Francis Invitational in Traverse City. Pictured in back from L to R are: Ron Larson, Doug Lott, Phil "Chief" Smith, Jim Granlund, and Aubrey Welch; front row from L to R are: Jerry Korhonen, Jack Kolka, Manager Charles Chapman, Duane Worden and Wayne Winston. Two other members not present were Gary Springs and Don Campbell.

23 Years Ago

February 23, 1984

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program was never intended to be used as a scoreboard to compare and contrast school districts, said Crawford AuSable Superintendent Kent Reynolds after a recent Bay City Times article showed Crawford AuSable near the bottom among northeast districts in M.E.A.P. totals.

Camp Shawano youths will

not be allowed to ski at Hanson Hills when the park is open to the public, the Grayling Recreational Authority decided at a special meeting. The action follows an argument that broke out at the park among two local boys and two Camp Shawano boys. A car window was broke with a fist in the incident.

Emil Kraus, Dave Sabin, Tom St. Germain, and Whitey Madsen were in Ann Arbor Saturday, where they lunched at the

Lawyer's Club and took in the Michigan - Purdue game.

Mrs. Ingvarsson's first grade class shared a Friendship Salad. Each child brought in a can of their favorite fruit and then put all the fruit into a huge bowl and stirred it up. They then all ate the delicious Friendship Salad.

Tim Jones and Jeff Knight, both GHS graduates, earned trips to college national wrestling tournaments. Jones, a junior wrestling for Northern Michigan University, took first place at a 167 pounds to earn his way to the NCAA Division II nationals in Baltimore. Knight, a sophomore wrestling for Muskegon Community College, took first at 167 pounds to earn his way to the NCAA Division III nationals in Chicago.

Most of the well known Durant Castle ruins will be filled in, the DNR Commission decided earlier this month, while amending a long-range plan for the George Mason River Retreat or Mason Tract. The commission wants the basement of the ruins filled in with sand and top soil and seeded, leaving only a portion of the basement walls to mark the site of the Durant Castle.

46 Years Ago
February 23, 1961

Lyle Johnson, of 503 Elm street was named 1961's man employee of the year in a new recognition award being instituted by the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Grayling. Mr.

Johnson is an employee at Bear Archery Company where he fills the post of the final man on the bow assembly line.

The Grayling Fire Department was called to Clair's Service Station Friday morning to stand by in case of a fire starting. The smoke pipe from the furnace was blocked, perhaps by the excessive dampness, and smoke poured into the building when the furnace was first started rather than going up the chimney.

69 Years Ago

February 24, 1938

Don Gothro is the new bookkeeper at the Grayling State Savings Bank. He recently graduated from Cleary College in Business Administration.

Nell Cary Welsh celebrated her 12th birthday when she had 11 girls as her guest for dinner. The dinner table was attractively arranged and there were party favors for Jane Milnes, Billyann Clippert, Jean Simpson, Gloria Jean McDaniels, Rose Mary Charron, Rhoda Jean Miller, Mildred Smith, Jeanne Lou Graham and Maxine Melichar.

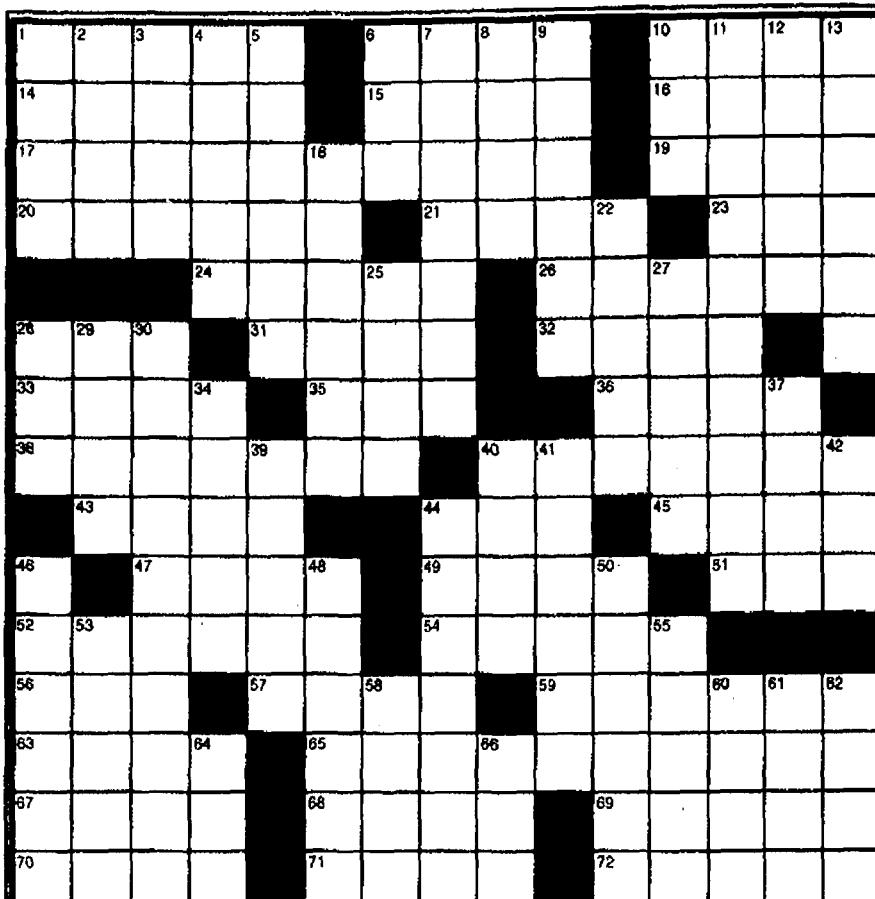
92 Years Ago

February 25, 1915

Mrs. A. Henry, Beaver Creek school teacher, left for her home in Standish. School will be closed for six weeks.

Much excitement was caused on Friday morning about 6:30 a.m. when a fire was discovered at the Michigan Central depot hotel in one of the guest rooms, it was quickly extinguished.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Poles holding a sail on sailing ships.
- Acronym for Interim Publication Allowance List.
- Acronym for Welding Procedure Approval Record.
- Cousins, Texas El Paso Miner's offensive lineman.
- Ridge of sand created by the wind.
- One of the two ends of a magnet where the magnetism seems to be concentrated.
- Takes the place of.
- Malicious satisfaction.
- Armament consisting of a bunch of cords fastened at one end.
- Amount by which the revenue of a business exceeds its cost of operation.
- Substance used in varnishes and sealing wax.
- Third part in an ode following the strophe and the anastrophe.
- Ill-mannered and coarse and contemptible behavior.
- Egyptian goddess of the sky.
- Imperial dynasty of China from 1279 to 1368.
- Middle of the day.
- People who are dazzlingly skilled in a field.
- Person deemed to be despicable.
- Elementary particle with a negative charge and a half-life of microseconds.
- Social outcasts.
- Took exception to.
- Cleanse one's body with soap and water.
- Workplace for the conduct of scientific research.
- Album by Sarah Brightman.
- Finishing line for a foot race.
- Exclamation expressing exultation.
- Fractional monetary unit of Japan.
- Genus of about 20-30 species of flowering plants native to Europe and Asia.
- Satisfies to excess.
- Afghan monetary unit.
- Long, narrative poem telling of a hero's deeds.
- Team that plays football.
- Athletes who play for pay.
- Beyond normal limits.
- Therefore.
- Inflammatory skin disease affecting the tiny pores on the face.
- Timbre of a musical sound.
- Times during which someone's life continues.
- For fear that.
- General line of orientation.

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)							
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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2/19	16	-5	t						
2/20	35	9	t						

MAZE

KIDDY

DID YOU KNOW?

The biggest hog ever recorded was a creature named Big Boy who weighed in at 1,904 pounds.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 22, 2007

	Your idea is plausible, Capricorn, but the details need to be worked out. Don't present it to your supervisor until complete. An issue at home looms.
	A coworker loses control, blows up and leaves you to pick up the pieces. Tread the waters with care and make a note not to work with them again.
	The joke is on you, Taurus, and you'd do well to laugh it off. A meaningful card sets the stage for a wonderful social gathering. Make sure you attend.
	Someone hits your sore spot. Overlook it, Pisces, or chaos will ensue. A measure of forgiveness is all it takes to keep everyone happy and within the fold.
	The challenge to come up with a better solution is on, and you hold the key. Take the step forward and move full steam ahead. A friend is in need.
	The decision to change direction in a project at work is not yours to make. Leave it to someone who knows more and is willing to take on the responsibility.
	A neighbor makes an excellent point, but uses you as an example. Rather than try to justify your actions, why not just admit them and learn from the experience.
	The mess is in your hands, Leo, and you will have to use every avenue possible to straighten it out. A relative makes an unusual request. Honor it.
	The news conjures up images of older times when life was simpler. Perhaps it's time you got back to the basics. A prize was well worth the wait.
	Your desire to succeed is great, Sagittarius, and you are in the right position to get where you need to go. Be careful how you proceed. There is no margin for error.
	The pleasure is all yours when a friend makes a request. A project at work requires further information and follow-up beyond a few phone calls.
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5. For Sale

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6. Wanted

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8. Announcements**LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING NOTICE**

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 12, 2007 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 and on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Any correspondence can be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agriculture	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

The budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for the fiscal year 2007-2008 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Fred Schaible
Lovells Township Supervisor

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

AUCTION Feb. 24, 10 am, Perry Creek and M-33, Mio. Furniture, appliances, household, glass, antiques, collectibles, wood stove, tools, lumber, sportsman, guns, 2005 Chevy Malibu, coins and more. View online. Lets Talk Auction Company. (989) 848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com (-22/8)

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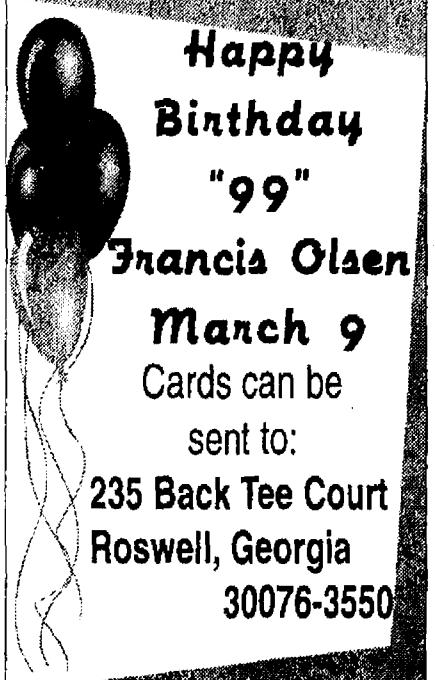
PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, March 1, from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Takeouts available. Cost is \$5 person. (-22/6)

BASIC SEWING CLASSES begin March 5 at Fabrics and More. Class size is limited so pre-register early. Located next to Rochettes IGA. 344-0986. (-22/18)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin (never known to fail), most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3x. (-22/9)

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The Crawford County Avalanche publishes a special graduation section in May to spotlight the GHS graduating seniors.

To make this section, the Avalanche needs a graduation photo with a short editorial on your seniors plans after graduating. See example. There is no charge to be included. Photos will be returned.

Please fill out the form below and return to the Avalanche in person, by mail or drop off at the high school counseling office.

Any questions call Linda Golnick at the Crawford County Avalanche, (989) 348-6811

Thank You



John Doe, son of John and Jane Doe, plans to attend Kirtland Community College in hopes of becoming a Journalist.

Please Print

Student Name:

Parent(s) Name(s):

After Graduation I plan to:

Address to return photo:

Phone Number (If we have any questions):

Please Return this form with photo by March 1, 2007

TO: Crawford County Avalanche
102 Michigan Ave. P.O. Box 490
Grayling, MI 49738

Seven GHS wrestlers qualify for individual regionals

■ Collen, Malone, Bancroft, Metzer, Madill, Letts, and Peters place in top 4

Seven members of Grayling High School's district champion wrestling team qualified for the individual regional wrestling tournament to be held at Chippewa Hills on Saturday, Feb. 24, by placing in the top four in their respective weight classes at individual districts held this past Saturday at Standish.

The individual districts event included wrestlers from 15 schools. The district tournament was a 16-man bracketed tournament with only the top four finishers in each weight class advancing to regionals.

"Going into the semifinal round we still had 11 wrestlers in the tournament. I could not have been more pleased with the performance of our wrestlers," Coach Joe Ferrigan said.

Individual regional qualifiers for the Vikings are:

- Cody Collen (140), sophomore - 2nd place. "Cody had a very tough weight class. He was the only sophomore in the weight class to advance," Coach Ferrigan said.

- Cody Malone (145), junior - 2nd place. "Cody lost in the finals to a very tough wrestler from Pinconning," Coach Ferrigan said.

- Jeff Bancroft (152), senior - 2nd place. "Jeff qualified for regionals for the fourth time in his high school career. Jeff is working very hard trying to make it back to the Palace (of Auburn Hills) for the third time, this time to win a state title," Coach Ferrigan said.

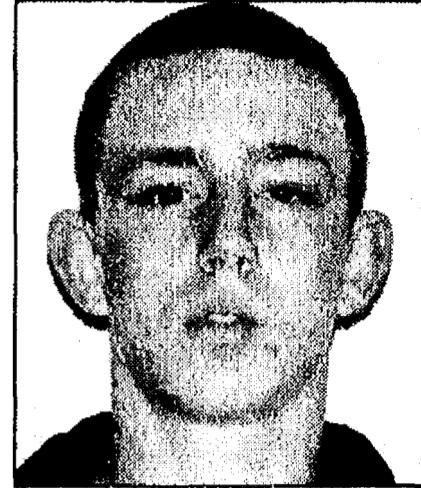
- Corey Metzer (160), senior - 2nd place. "Corey came out late in the season and has been working extremely hard to get into wrestling shape. Saturday he made it, losing in the finals to a very good wrestler from Standish. Corey will be giving everything he has to advance next weekend for one last chance at a state title," Coach Ferrigan said.

- Eric Madill (171), junior - 2nd place. "Eric Madill has had one goal all season - to qualify for the state finals. Eric has had tunnel vision all year doing every thing right, extra work after every practice, staying focused. Eric came up just short of the district title against a three-time national champion from Harrison," Coach Ferrigan said.

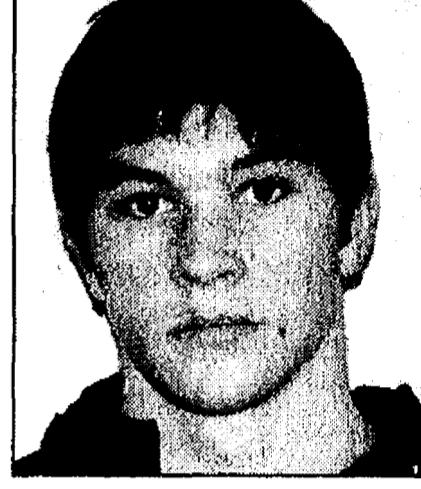
- Matt Letts (285), junior - 4th place. "Matt wrestled very tough all day long finishing in fourth place to advance," Coach Ferrigan said.

- Kyle Peters (285), freshman - 2nd place. "Going into the tournament Kyle had a record of two wins and one loss. Kyle was drawn into the tournament and had almost all odds stacked against him. Kyle wrestled just the way we expected him to. This young man is the real deal and he proved that on Saturday. For a freshman to advance to the regionals is very rare, especially in the heavyweight division. If Kyle can stay on top of his game next weekend he has a very good chance to make it to the Palace as a freshman," Coach Ferrigan said.

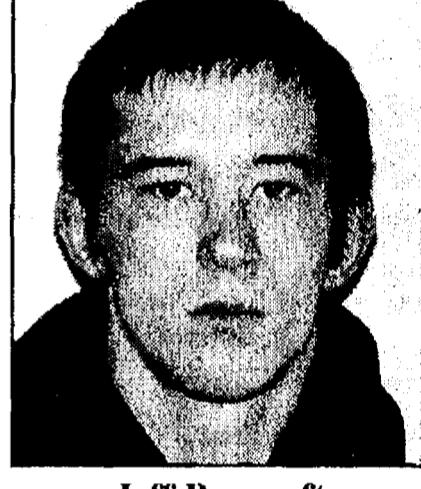
"Wrestling very tough for the Vikings but coming up just short of advancing were Josh Moggo, Stephen Grove, James Haight, and Matt Haight. The exciting thing is that all of these wrestlers will be returning next season and we expect them all to make a strong run for the (state finals)," Coach Ferrigan said. "We are all looking forward to next weekend and the competition. This is what we have been working for all season."



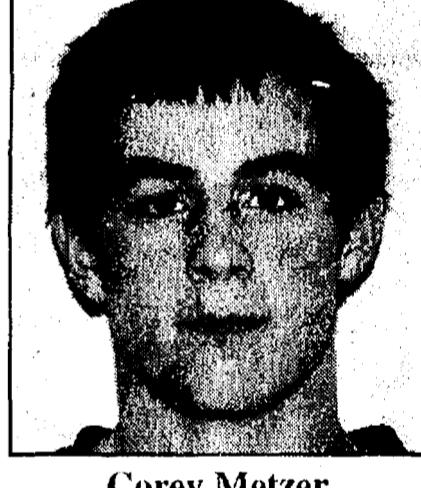
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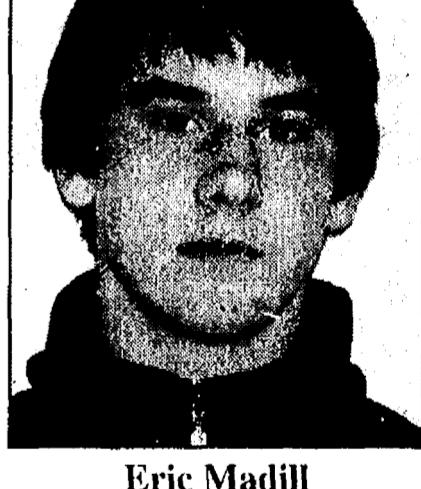
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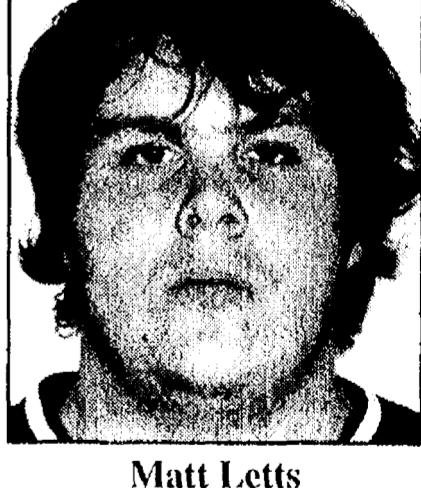
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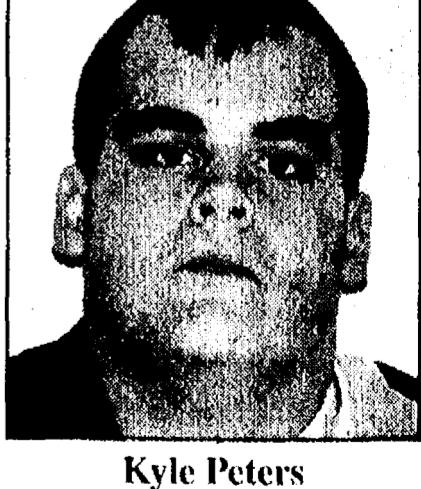
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